



Reagan offer brings missile deal closer

Shultz and Shevardnadze to hold pre-summit talks

By Andrew McEwen in London and Mohsin Ali in Washington

Prospects for an East-West summit and a treaty to scrap medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles soared yesterday after what President Reagan described as an "historic proposal" made by the US negotiators in Geneva.

It has agreed to Mr Gorbachov's idea earlier this year that the elimination of shorter-range nuclear weapons should be applied globally.

Maynard Giltman, a senior US negotiator, said that the US was giving ground on all but one of the outstanding issues in negotiations on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), which cover medium and shorter-range missiles.

In the wake of Mr Gorbachov's acceptance last week of the West's demand that medium-range missiles owned by the superpowers should be scrapped worldwide, not just in Europe, Washington has made a parallel concession.

If a treaty had been signed without that concession, medium-range missiles, once abolished, might have been converted into shorter-range weapons. President Reagan's move avoided that prospect.

At about the same time Mr Max Kampelman, head of the US delegation to the Geneva negotiations, said from Washington: "The INF logjam has now been broken and we are moving forward".

Khomeini threatens retaliation

From Robert Fisk, Kuwait

Apparently rejuvenated by the spectacle of America's failure to protect its first convoy to Kuwait, Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday broke a long silence to threaten the United States that Iran would "crush its teeth in its mouth" if it continued to escort tankers through the Gulf.

His speech came at the end of a day of rapid developments. The US called a special session of the Geneva arms talks and announced its concessions to its Soviet counterparts. Meanwhile in Washington, the long-expected meeting between Secretary of State George Shultz and his Soviet opposite number, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, was announced.

Mr Kampelman said that the ageing missiles were no military threat to the Soviet Union. That contrasted with Moscow's claim last week that the 72 Pershing IAs, owned by Bonn but with warheads controlled by Washington, were both a military and psychological issue.

Addressing Muslims on the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, the Iranian leader warned both Arab states and the superpowers that they should avoid "interference, adventurism and hasty deeds" in the area.

It will take place in September, when both will be in New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr Kampelman denied that Washington would try to persuade Bonn to part with the weapons.

The Ayatollah's words, reported by the Iranian news agency Arna, were little different from those which have been coming this past week from Iranian politicians vying with each other, in their effort to maintain their revolutionary credentials in advance of the elderly cleric's demise, to threaten Kuwait and the Americans.

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One surprise in yesterday's developments was that Washington showed no sign of abandoning the idea of updating Bonn's missiles.

But the fact that Ayatollah Khomeini should himself have chosen to speak about the consequences of the American reflagging gives new weight to the warnings Iran has been directing to Kuwait and Washington.

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The important American concession yesterday was the dropping of an earlier demand that it should have the right to convert its medium-range Pershing-2 missiles into shorter-range missiles instead of destroying them.

Sri Lankan police kill 18 in riots

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Eighteen people, including two Buddhist monks, were shot dead by police and more than 100 injured in Colombo yesterday as mobs rampaged in the centre of the capital. Troops were called out and curfews imposed.

The rioters were protesting against the Government's plan to sign a pact with India today under which the Northern and Eastern provinces of the island would be merged.

This has been a demand of Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community, but many Sinhalese say that it will partition the country.

A 12-hour curfew was declared in Colombo District at 6pm, but has been extended until after today's visit by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

Colombo resembled a war zone with smouldering vehicles littering areas of the city. More than 30 government buses and scores of cars were burnt.

President Jayawardene is determined to go ahead with the signing of the accord with Mr Gandhi.

The office of the Ministry of Teaching Hospitals went up in flames. A new wing of the state-controlled newspaper group was also attacked.

Many Sinhalese are angry. They say that the Government has betrayed them and succumbed to Indian pressure. Among the main opponents to the pact is Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa.

BBC cameramen filming looters were chased and took shelter in the nearby Reuters office.

Even when signed, the pact must be ratified by a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

The trouble started yesterday morning when about 5,000 people protested against the proposals at Pettah. Among them were Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who leads the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the main opposition party, and her son Anura, who is leader of the Opposition. The protesters unfurled black flags and banners calling for the overthrow of President Jayawardene.

Police fired tear gas. The crowd attacked the police and set fire to their vehicles. A 12-hour curfew was declared in Colombo District at 6pm, but has been extended until after today's visit by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.



The Duchess of York gritting her teeth for life in the wild frontier as she and the Duke leave from Lake Sifton, Canada, for a two-week canoe holiday in the Northwest Territories after the completion of their official tour engagements.

Davies in historic US victory

From Michael Horsnell

Laura Davies made golf history in Hartford, Connecticut yesterday when she became the first British woman to win the United States women's Open, a feat comparable to Tony Jacklin's when he won the men's title in 1970.

High Court backs police powers on drink drivers

By Michael Horsnell

Police were yesterday given the right to back-calculate the amount of alcohol consumed by a motorist regardless of the length of delay between an alleged driving offence and a drink test.

Two High Court judges, in a judgement which was immediately attacked by the medical profession, gave the go-ahead for police forces throughout the country to continue the practice which has led to prosecutions for drink driving despite negative test results.

But, in giving it legal clearance, Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann warned prosecutors only to rely on back-calculation "where there is evidence is easily understood and clearly persuasive of the presence of excess alcohol at the time when the accused person was driving".

Miss Davies, aged 23, from Ottershaw in Surrey, won the title and with it \$55,000, after an 18-hole play-off in which she finished two strokes clear of Ayako Okamura, of Japan, and three clear of an American, JoAnne Carner.

The prize money was easily the most Miss Davies had won in a three-year professional career, the highlight of which up until yesterday had been her victory in last year's British women's Open. Miss Davies, who has just bought a new house, joked: "At least it should help to pay the mortgage. I'll still have a little bit left after paying American taxes."

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The judgement was criticized by the British Medical Association as a regressive step that will devalue scientific evidence, and it received only a cautious welcome from the Magistrates' Association.

Magistrates sitting on such cases will have to calculate the weight, sex, age and stomach contents of an accused motorist.

But the ruling was welcomed by the Association of Chief Police Officers as another weapon available in the war against drink driving.

Lawyers representing the motorist at the centre of the judgement, Mr Stephen Gumbley, aged 36, from Brixton, south-east London, gave notice that they will seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Gumbley was appealing against a conviction for drink driving in a case that challenged the authority of police to back-calculate.

The High Court was told that four hours and 20 minutes elapsed before police could obtain a blood sample, which revealed not less than 59 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, a figure well under the 80 milligram limit.

But forensic scientists provided evidence to Birmingham magistrates that, after taking account of his height, age, weight and physical condition, he would have eliminated alcohol from his blood at a rate of between 10 and 25 milligrams per 100 millilitres per hour and that the concentration of alcohol in his blood at the time of the accident would have been between 120 and 130 milligrams per 100 millilitres.

Mr Gumbley, who had refused breath tests because he felt unwell and was taken to hospital, was convicted, fined £200 and banned from driving for one year. The conviction was upheld by Birmingham Crown Court last November and yesterday the High Court dismissed his appeal.

Mr Gumbley is receiving legal aid in a case which his solicitor says has cost about £3,000 so far. He appealed on a point of law, claiming that the Road Traffic Act, as amended by the 1981 Transport Act, did not permit police to back-track.

But the two judges said: "Our conclusion means that."

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No blank cheques for inner cities

By Philip Webster

The problems of the inner cities could not be solved by throwing money at them, Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said last night.

Mr Major, who is in charge of efforts to keep public spending next year as near as possible to the Treasury target of £154 billion, said that inner-city problems could be tackled only by direct action to encourage local initiative, and by giving people the opportunity to be self-reliant.

The challenge for the Conservatives' third term was to bring greater freedom and responsibility to the people of the inner cities, he said.

Mr Major's remarks were a clear warning to his Cabinet colleagues that there will be no blank cheque for spending on inner-city projects, in spite of the high priority given to the subject by the Prime Minister.

The Treasury is faced with Cabinet bids of more than £6 billion above the target for next year, many of which are associated with action aimed specifically at the inner cities.

Mr Major said that prosperity had returned to Britain because the Government was curing the British disease.

But it had not used medicine. Instead it had relied on the self-healing properties of individual and business initiative.

"By working with the grain of human nature and not against it we have tapped a willingness to accept greater responsibility. We have enabled the British to cure their own disease. Individual effort and self-reliance have replaced paternalism," he said.

Mr Major said that, as with the British disease, the Government alone could not solve the inner-city problem.

"We will not succeed by spending money. That was not how the British economy was transformed. In every year since 1982-83 public expenditure has taken a progressively smaller share of GDP; in every same year the economy has grown at approaching 3 per cent a year."

GA scheme to give London a year more than the rest of Britain for the transition from the old poll tax will be considered tomorrow by the Cabinet committee on rates.

Ministers involved in the debate are expected to agree to either a three or four-year phasing-in period from 1990, when the rates will run alongside the community charge.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is in favour of the shortest possible transitional period, while the Treasury has been pushing for the longest possible changeover.

Iran-Contra hearings Meese 'saw nothing criminal'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Edwin Meese, the US Attorney-General who handled initial White House inquiries into Iran arms diversion last November, told the congressional Iran-Contra committee yesterday that he did not immediately call in the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help him because he and the FBI director agreed that this would be inappropriate.

Meese said after President Reagan accepted his recommendation he headed a "fact-gathering mission." He discussed calling in the FBI with his director, Mr William Webster, on November 21 but agreed it would be "inappropriate" as initially there was "no hint that any criminal activity was in any way implied."

Meese has been sharply criticized for using only Justice Department lawyers and for not immediately sealing the offices of Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the national security adviser, and his aide Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North.

Meese insisted that he had little to do with the Iran initiative throughout, and first heard of it only on January 7 last year. He did not understand it as an arms-for-hostages swap, nor did President Reagan, Mr Meese supported the plan because he had the impression that it would last only between 30 and 60 days, and the risks were therefore short term.

They discussed the legality of delaying notification to Congress because of the "extreme hazard" to the hostages and others. "I do not recall anyone at the meeting arguing in favour of immediate notification," he said.

Meese said he did not consult anyone else in the Justice Department before giving his legal opinion that it was permissible to delay informing Congress of the initiative.

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Better late than never on the Docklands line

By Rodney Cowton

When trains break down, the great British public trapped on board tends to get abusive and even violent. Some let the train take their strain, writing on the walls and slashing the seats.

London Regional Transport is so worried about the reliability of its new, computer-controlled Docklands Light Railway in the East End of London that it is allowing only two members of the fare-paying public on to the line for the time being. They are the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, both of whom have outstanding records of patience in the face of delays in transport of every kind.

The Docklands Light Railway, built in record time at a cost of £77 million, has been plagued by problems in the computer system that runs the network without drivers. The system has "crashed" (a computer term having no reference to the trains) for periods of 20 to 40 minutes at a time.

Dr Tony Ridley, a member of the LRT board, says that the fault that caused the breakdown has been rectified, but a long test period of uninterrupted operation would be necessary before it would be safe to let the public on the trains.

"Our contractors have done a very good job," he said. "But the short timescale has in the end not allowed completion of the fine tuning necessary to provide the frequent and reliable service planned. A trial service will therefore continue without passengers."

He added that the driverless trains were completely safe, but said: "It would be unfair to our customers to open before we have had the continuous period of regular operation without technical interruption of which it is capable."

London Regional Transport said that the builders of the railway, GEC and Mowlem, would have to provide a week of perfect operation before LRT would take it over. Then another week or two of running the full scheduled service for about 18 hours a day without problems would be needed before it would be felt safe enough to allow the public on.

LRT expects the public to come in droves. Already a letter of intent has been issued to GEC/Mowlem for a £50 million upgrading of the first phase, to take account of expected increases in traffic, and for an extension westward to the City.

That extension is ultimately expected to cost £137 million, of which the developers of Canary Wharf will cover half, and the Government the remainder. A further three-mile extension eastwards to Beckton in the Royal group of docks is also planned.

For her official opening of the railway tomorrow, the Queen will cross the River Thames from Greenwich by boat to the Island Gardens station in the Isle of Dogs. She will then go on to Poplar by train, where she will visit the operations and maintenance centre, before concluding her trip by going to the new light railway station at Tower Hill.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Belgian sailors 'stole from ferry'

Belgian sailors are suspected of having taken away foreign currency lying in the hull of the capsized Herald of Free Enterprise at Zeebrugge while searching for bodies after the ferry had been righted (Our Transport Correspondent writes).

A reliable source said the sailors came from the Belgian naval base at Zeebrugge. They are believed to have been ratings who volunteered to search the ship: there is no suggestion that divers were involved. The currency is said to have been removed after the ferry had been partially upright but before she had been taken into harbour.

Reports that the safe on the Herald had been broken into, appear not to be true and suggestions that there was looting from the dead are denied.

Townsend Thoresen said yesterday it believed an inquiry was being conducted by the Belgian authorities but said it had no other information.

Gun alert Troubled first fleet

Tight security was in force yesterday for the funeral proceedings against two Ulstermen charged with conspiring to cause explosions.

Armed police were on duty as the two men were taken to Lambeth Magistrates' Court and everyone entering the court was searched.

Joseph McLoughlin, aged 38, and Liam McCotter, aged 34, both from Belfast, are charged with conspiring to cause explosions, possessing firearms and having an explosive substance with intent to endanger life.

The historic first fleet re-enactment ships may not complete their journey from Portsmouth to Australia after sailing into a financial crisis.

The seven ships are held up in Rio de Janeiro harbour 10 weeks after sailing because the company organizing the voyage is short of £400,000 after failing to fill the 14,000 berths.

Negotiations got under way in Australia yesterday in an attempt to ensure that the fleet arrives in Sydney for the bicentenary celebrations in January.

Mr Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts, has been banned by the Labour-controlled Derbyshire County Council from visiting two of the public libraries in its area.

But he is planning to defy the ban by going ahead with a visit today to either Buxton or Bolsover, as part of an arts visit.

Mr Luce, who believes there to be a political motive behind the ban, was told in a letter from Mr Peter Gratton, the country librarian, that an earlier invitation had been withdrawn because the county council is meeting today and proper arrangements could not be made.

West case Election settled halted

Rupert Allason, the spy book author and Conservative MP for Torbay, reached an out of court agreement with Granada Television yesterday over information he supplied on the intelligence services.

Mr Allason, who writes as Nigel West, claimed that Granada owed him £12,000.

His information allegedly allowed Granada to contact former MI5 man Peter Wright who was later inspired to write his memoirs.

Passport concession

Barbados and Yugoslavia have been added to the list of countries which will accept British Visitor's Passports, available from post offices, this summer. Special arrangements between the Post Office and the Home Office are intended to counter delays at passport offices.

People planning journeys to Barbados and Yugoslavia can now use a British Visitor's Passport until September 29. The passports were recently extended to cover the United States and Hong Kong until the end of September, and New Zealand until the end of next month.

The British Visitor's Passport, which costs £7.50, already allows 12 months' unlimited travel to 25 other countries.

Boom in air travel causes shortage of pilots

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Representatives of airlines, air taxi firms and the aviation industry will meet in London today to discuss a shortage of pilots caused by the boom in air travel.

Small operators and the RAF are particularly badly affected as larger airlines recruit experienced pilots to cope with rising demand.

Mr Mike Rayson, chairman of the Air Transport Operators' Association, which has called the meeting and which represents about 50 small air taxi companies in Britain, said yesterday: "We have swung

Yet another military jet crashed during a low-level exercise over Britain yesterday leading to increased pressure on the RAF to switch such flights to less populated foreign training areas.

The crew of two of an American F-111 fighter bomber died when their jet plunged into farmland near Lander, 30 miles south of Edinburgh. The accident severely shook cottages less than a quarter of a mile away.

from too many pilots to too few in a very short time.

"Now some of the smaller operators are having to stop flying, even though there is plenty of business, simply because they cannot get sufficient people to fly their aircraft."

Only 24 hours earlier two RAF men parachuted to safety when their Tornado crashed near the small Yorkshire town of Kirkbymoorside, bringing to 33 the number of military jets which have crashed in Britain in the past five years.

At Dublin airport yesterday a London-bound Aer Lingus Boeing 737, carrying 117 passengers, was involved in a near-accident with a helicopter when it was about to take off.

"The really small companies are the worst affected because they employ young people who have recently qualified but who are anxious to move on to jets and eventually to larger airlines."

At the same time the RAF is preparing to act on a new report into ways of preventing officers from leaving the service.

A team led by Air Vice-Marshal Bobby Robson has put forward 26 recommendations for changes to the service conditions which would keep pilots in the RAF.

The report says many officers complain that their quality of life and the management and leadership they receive are inadequate and that communication is lacking.

Four independent charter airlines met Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday to press for greater protection from the huge airline which would be formed by the proposed merger of British Airways and British Caledonian.

British Airways, Monarch, and British Island Airways told Mr Channon that they did not believe there was any need to refer the merger to the Monopolies Commission,

provided the Civil Aviation Authority was given greater powers to respond to any unfair competition from the link-up.

Mr Derek Davison, chairman of Britannia Airways, said after the meeting: "Now is the time to reverse the history of failure and make the issues of competition and airports policy the focus of British aviation and the consumer."

The airlines told Mr Channon that it was the last opportunity he had to form a new policy which would ensure continuing competition, especially from charter airlines operating from Gatwick.

Coal chief in attack on 'death wish' militants

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, yesterday criticized Mr Arthur Scargill and other leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers for their "policy of despair" and appealed to moderate miners to "stand up and be counted".

"The highly vocal, militant minority harbour a death wish to self-destruct our industry," he said in a message deliberately aimed over the heads of the NUM executive.

He said that a failure to introduce flexible working in the pits could lead to rapid closures and more job losses as well as delay the opening of new, capital-intensive mines.

While the leadership of the Union of Democratic Miners had been "generally constructive and reasonable", the NUM had been "totally unwilling to recognize the very difficult market position we face".

Sir Robert, who was announcing a loss of £288 million for 1986-87, criticized the NUM leadership for refusing to negotiate over the plan to introduce flexible six-day coal production and for "gross misrepresentation" of the corporation's new disciplinary code, now the subject of a pit ballot.

The code compared with others in industry and was far less Draconian than the NUM's own disciplinary code.

He reported that productivity had increased by 21 per cent during the past year while the operating costs of deep mines were 23 per cent lower than in the period before the 1984-85 strike.

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Miners in the new Selby colliery have smashed their own all-time British output and productivity records. Men at Wistow, one of the five Selby showcase collieries in North Yorkshire, cut 17.5 tonnes of coal per man shift last week, breaking a record they set a fortnight ago of 15.26 tonnes.

Sir Robert Haslam, criticizing the NUM yesterday.

Comments on the ballot paper were totally false. Many members of the NUM executive were not in tune with Mr Scargill and hopefully would become more pro-active in future discussions.

The recent strike at Frickley Colliery was "an astonishingly senseless episode" that had cost British Coal £5 million in lost output and the miners £2 million in wages.

He complained that the board had not heard a single word from the NUM executive over the code-of-conduct issue. "It takes two to tango but they have blocked any further discussion," Sir Robert said. The NUM had demanded withdrawal of the code before agreeing to begin talks.

Good industrial relations remained the key to the future success of British Coal but it was continually being hit by "rag-outs" or short, wildcat strikes, 80 per cent of which are now in Mr Scargill's Yorkshire area stronghold.

British Coal was on target to break even in 1988-89 and would need to reduce its overall deficit to £100 million this year.

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Disc jockeys Chris Biggins, aged 14, and Miranda Thomas, aged 13, of Radio JBC, whose operators say they deplore attacks on investigators (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance).

Pirate broadcasting Attacks 'are like Chicago'

By Howard Foster

Violent attacks on Government radio engineers by pirate radio operators this year already exceed the total for the previous three years, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The department is urging Scotland Yard to investigate an anarchist group which is advising Britain's unlicensed local radio stations to fight and disable the engineers and police when the pirates are raided.

Details of the attacks and a booklet, called *The Radio is my Bomb* and published by the Hooligan Press, were released by Mr John Butler, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who likened the street attacks suffered by men from the Radio Investigation Service to scenes from Chicago in the 1920s.

He catalogued the beating of engineers with baseball bats, car chases, and threats made to radio investigators and their families at their homes, and said: "We hope the public will help us when it comes to getting evidence to bring these people before the courts."

The minister also hinted that continued violence might hold up the introduction of genuine community radio, as envisaged in a recent Government Green Paper.

"The irony is, it is this Government which is most minded further to liberalize the airways and consider the options for community radio," he said in a radio interview.

The Radio Investigation Service has about 200 staff in Britain but only a relatively small number are involved in tracking down unlicensed broadcasting. An even smaller number of highly experienced investigators go into the pirate stations when violence is expected.

Departmental figures show that in 1984 there was only one serious violent incident against an investigator. In 1985 there were two and last year three.

In the first seven months of 1987 there have been seven incidents, ranging from damage to vehicles to savage attacks on staff. One engineer died from a heart attack a year after he was attacked in his

car, but police said yesterday that they do not link the attack with his pirate radio investigations.

Birmingham has two pirate stations, People's Community Radio Line and Second City Radio, which was raided by inspectors only days after it started broadcasting last week.

Yesterday the investigators' union, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, said it was "very suspicious" about the Government's motives for publicizing the problem at a time when the service was being required to shed between 30 and 50 men in the next few years.

The union was concerned about the pamphlet and wanted protection for its members.

Scotland Yard officers, who said last night that they were aware of the contents of the booklet, are not convinced that it breaks the law. But pirate radio operators yesterday condemned the violent approach it advocates, which

includes trapping investigators in lifts and beating up accompanying police officers.

"We are very much against this sort of thing. We have never even seen this booklet," said Mr Zaneetos Tofallis, of London Greek Radio, which broadcast to north London's Greek Cypriot Community until last week when DTL investigators removed radio equipment and office material.

Radio JBC, operating from an address in Harlesden, north-west London, has been raided by the DTL 50 times since it started broadcasting more than three years ago.

A disc jockey known as Socca/B described JBC's relationship with the investigators as "most cordial", despite the confiscation of equipment and subsequent fines for unlicensed broadcasting. He said: "We have never heard of this anarchist group and we detest violence, we just want a licence."

The Government is also seeking an account of Mr Wright's profits from publication of the book in the United States. Those points emerged on the second day of the case, in which the Government is seeking to overturn an earlier ruling that the book could be published because its contents were no longer secret.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, for the Government, said that "further breaches of (Mr Wright's) obligations would be committed if he did anything in relation to publication anywhere in the world, other than what he has already done."

The three-man bench, led by Sir Laurence Street, the Chief Justice, again questioned Mr Simos on his submissions that publication of information about security operations should be beyond the discretion of the courts.

The hearing continues today.

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Correction
The headline on the item "Anarchist excuse" in Computer Horizons yesterday unfortunately identified the company concerned as Amstrad instead of Cambridge Computers.

Computer link used in child pornography

By Stewart Tindler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad is investigating a child pornography ring that uses home computers linked by telephone to circulate material.

The information is part of a general electronic bulletin board run by a private individual in the South-east who takes and exchanges advertisements for all types of sexual activity.

The telephone connections were uncovered by researchers for a Central Television programme by Roger Cook, the journalist, which is being broadcast tonight. Two numbers which give access to the ring have been given to police and the programme makers are also passing over to cus-

tom investigators files on the importation of material.

The programme has also passed to police a list of 60 British child pornography customers of an American supplier. The list includes bankers, doctors, businessmen and military personnel.

In Amsterdam the programme makers found a sex shop prepared to sell material although that is illegal in the city. The shop also demonstrated how video cassettes could be smuggled.

The programme, which claims that child pornography is far more widespread in Britain than is generally accepted, also interviews and names a number of child pornography producers in Britain.

Church fears over jobless

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Churches sponsoring projects in the community programme fear that long-term unemployed youngsters will suffer when the Government reorganizes the scheme.

The sponsors also believe changes planned by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, will cause problems due to widely differing payments made to workers doing the same hours on the same projects.

Mr Fowler has announced that from October the community programme will concentrate on finding places for people between the ages of 25 and 30. Younger people will be directed to the Job Training Scheme.

But the National Association of Church Community Programme Agents and Sponsors, whose members provide

about 10,000 places, has pointed out various anomalies they say will arise.

Mr Fowler's new scheme means that the Community Programme will provide benefit, plus an unspecified amount, to help the long-term unemployed family man. At present nearly two-thirds of programme workers are aged under 25.

The association, which is among the biggest providers of projects and represents all denominations, says exclusion of the young people from the community programme will almost certainly mean a dramatic reduction in places for the long-term unemployed.

There are 245,000 programme places at present. If Mr Fowler's plans go

ahead the new system will mean that two people doing the same work and the same hours will be "paid" widely differing amounts.

A single person could receive £27.50 - normal unemployment benefit - but a married man with a family could receive £95-plus, both working 35 hours on the same job, says a statement from the association.

Supervisors could be paid less than the workers under their control. "Motivation and discipline could be very difficult", one community programme manager said.

With no requirement for pay to reflect agreed trade union rates, there would be less reason for unions to act as a safeguard and approve projects, the association says.

Gas profits face challenge

By John Spicer

The gas industry's watchdog organization is threatening to take British Gas to the High Court to explain its vast profits.

Mr James McKinnon, the director general of Ofgas, the Office of Gas Supply, says that British Gas officials are refusing to supply figures which show their pricing forecasts. He says discussions have reached an impasse and legal advice is being sought.

British Gas, which last month reduced prices by an average of 4.5 per cent, says it is refusing to provide certain figures because it is not required to do so by law.

Mr McKinnon has been seeking a written forecast of the maximum average price per therm British Gas intends to charge in the future. The

corporation says that this should remain a commercial secret and that it has already provided Ofgas with more information than is required to do under the Gas Act.

A spokesman said that not only had the corporation provided information to the Office of Gas Supply, as required under the Gas Act, but it had provided more than was necessary.

Both sides agree that their differences are over the interpretation of what is required to be made public under the Gas Act which enabled British Gas to be privatized. If he goes to law, it would be the first time Mr McKinnon has used his statutory powers to force information from the corporation.

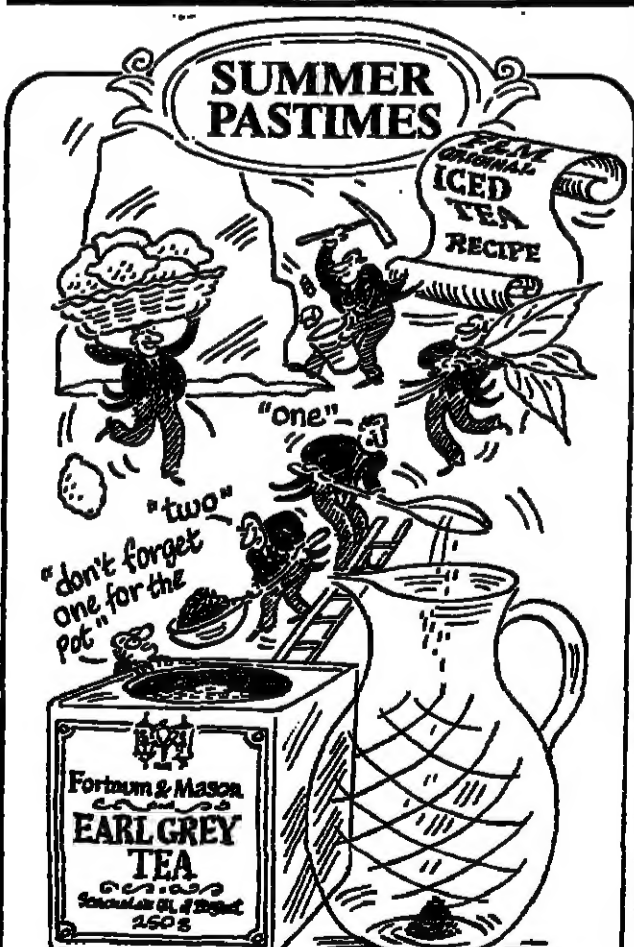
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at the end of its first year in the private sector, and Ofgas, which represents more than 16 million domestic consumers, and small firms which do not have separate contracts with British Gas, is seeking to establish whether it is making excessive amounts at the expense of its customers.

Under the Gas Act, the Government laid down a complicated set of regulations aimed at controlling prices. Mr McKinnon is convinced that details giving future pricing forecasts should be available under these regulations for his inspection.

There are no talks arranged between the two sides aimed at resolving the dispute. Ofgas officials say it is highly likely the matter will end in the High Court.

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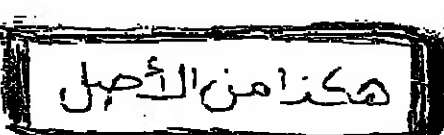
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Retired judges back on the bench to ease court crisis

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Retired Lord Justices, High Court judges and circuit judges sat in court for more than 2,000 days last year because of a shortage of judges, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, disclosed yesterday. One judge had earned £47,000 over three years in addition to his pension.

Sir Patrick, in a series of written parliamentary answers, said the Lord Chancellor's Office had authorized 48 retired judges to sit in court as deputies because of the shortage.

The Bar Council and MPs expressed concern yesterday at the figures, which take no account of the fact that even if there was a full complement of judges there would still be a substantial backlog of cases.

Mr Peter Scott, QC, chairman of the Bar Council, said there was a clear need for additional High Court judges. "The delays are there and getting longer, in some cases unacceptably long, and these cannot be put right without

the appointment of additional judges", he said.

Mr David Alton, Liberal chief whip, whose questions prompted the disclosures, said the shortfall meant "people who are totally out of touch with life in contemporary Britain continuing to sit as judges".

He was unsure whether the shortfall was caused by government "cheese-paring" or by "a desire to preserve the magic circle". But he also expressed concern that those who were paid handsome pensions were also receiving generous supplements from the public purse.

In one written reply, Sir Patrick disclosed that retired lord justices were paid £324 a day, retired High Court judges £294 a day and retired circuit judges £151 a day.

The Lord Chancellor's Office admitted yesterday that there was a shortage of judges. But a spokesman said that the problem was not financial stringency but finding enough suitable people.

A particular problem was that barristers were often reluctant to take a drop in salary to become judges. The spokesman emphasized that retired judges were carefully checked before being allowed to return.

The circuit judge who had earned about £47,000 in addition to his pension in the past three years is Judge John Edward Jones, of the northern circuit, who has sat for 311.5 days, at £151 a day, since his retirement in 1984. Retired judges are allowed to sit for up to about 100 days a year, but their combined pension and fees cannot exceed their earnings when they retired.

Judge Jones, aged 72, was criticized last week in a Commons motion tabled by Labour MPs after he rejected an appeal against a three-month prison sentence on a woman aged 20 who was 35-weeks pregnant.

The motion called on Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to release the woman, a

first offender, on compassionate and humanitarian grounds and to put Judge Jones "on the retired list forthwith".

Mr Alton, prompted by the judgement, has written also to the Lord Chancellor, questioning the principle of appointing retired judges.

The Attorney General's figures show that in 1986 eight retired lord justices sat for 386 days, six retired High Court judges sat for 334 days and 23 retired circuit judges sat for 1,400 days, accounting for almost 2 per cent of all days sat by judges. In the first quarter of this year, the corresponding figures were 108 days, 68 days and 498 days.

Fourteen of the 102 supreme court judges were less than the maximum age of 75 but over the age of 70. The maximum age for circuit judges is 72, unless authorized by the Lord Chancellor to continue to 75. Twenty-six of the current 389 circuit judges are aged over 70.

All green at Kew



The Princess of Wales, wearing green, in a new conservatory she opened at Kew Gardens in west London yesterday.

Too few women test for cancer

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Four out of five women at risk from cervical cancer are not being screened, a cancer expert said yesterday.

The screening rate is worse among older women, who often fail to come forward for fear of being considered sexually promiscuous. Cervical cancer kills more than 2,000 women a year.

Speaking at the launch of a campaign for an improved screening programme, Women Against Cervical Cancer, Dr Peter Trott, consultant cytopathologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, estimated that only 30 per cent of women at risk aged between 20 and 65 are screened, in spite of computerized call and recall systems throughout the country.

Dr Elizabeth Mackenzie, consultant cytologist and head of a screening centre in Bristol said 95 per cent of deaths from cervical cancer were among the over 35s.

But a recent study of 110,000 women in the city found that only 8 per cent of women over 65 had had a smear test, compared with 97 per cent of women aged between 20 and 35.

Dr Mackenzie added: "Women over the age of 45 are loathe to come forward and have a smear which would outwardly label them as being sexually promiscuous."

The campaign's medical adviser, Mr Frank Loeffer of St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, London, wants the introduction of health cards, to be carried by all, detailing when and where a person had been screened, the results and when the next was due.

The campaign was instigated by Mrs Annabel Cooter, of Beaufort Street, Chelsea, who was dismayed by the poor take-up rate for tests. She started it with a donation of £1,000.

Portfolio - Gold - Birthday prize for wife

Mr Shaun Murphy, an Army officer, had a double celebration yesterday - he was the sole winner of the Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 and it was his wife Barbara's birthday.

She said: "Shaun has been playing the competition regularly, but misses some days because of work. We will be spending a little more on our holiday in France in three weeks and planning a good holiday next year."

The couple, who have two boys aged eight and 11, were looking forward to a champagne birthday celebration as a winning bonus.

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Park plan is threat to school

A primary school in Basildon, Essex, may be demolished to make way for an American style theme park filled with Beatrix Potter human-animal characters (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

Landon Park Primary, one of the smallest schools in the county and the kind of place which the headmistress believes Beatrix Potter herself would have designed and admired, will have to go if the multimillion pound plan by Robert F. Jani Productions, of Los Angeles, goes ahead. Twenty houses will also be demolished.

Protesters believe that although a planning application has not yet been officially made for the scheme the councilors are trying to secure the issue in committee to avoid public criticism. Mr Paul White, vice-chairman of the council, has said they were supporting the scheme because it was in line with a policy of attracting new jobs and tourism.

Penguin Books, holders of the copyright on Beatrix Potter's works, said that among the many licences to use her characters on anything from tea cups and bedroom slippers to wallpaper and cutlery was a licence to the Jani Corporation, of Los Angeles, to open a theme park in Britain.

Professional Association of Teachers conference

Heterosexual image 'wrong'

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Teachers at an inner London primary school have drawn up a policy which suggests punishing children and staff who "reveal heterosexual" attitudes, a teacher said yesterday.

Mrs Doreen Smith told the Professional Association of Teachers Conference at Exeter University that similar moves - such as Haringey council's promotion at nursery schools of "positive images" of homosexuals - were not prevented by recent legislation aimed at tightening sex education laws.

Her husband, Mr David

Rushworth Smith, a Baptist minister, fasted for 60 days this year in protest against Haringey's policy.

She would not name the school where "disciplinary sanctions" are to be taken against "heterosexual" staff and pupils, but she said that the policy had been drawn up by members of the Hackney, section of the Inner London Teachers' Association.

She said: "Indoctrination is insidious and permeates a school's ethos where it gets hold, and this is going on. An eight-year-old boy in Haringey

recently said to his teacher 'Michael says he fancies me. Does that mean I am gay?'

"The new Act (the Education Act, 1986) speaks of 'more considerations and the value of family life'. A report recently presented to Ilea (Inner London Education Authority) members says 'a straight forward interpretation (of the Act) would suggest that family life refers to the structures and lifestyles of families in the local area'. How widely does that open the door?"

"Governors now control the content of sex education in their schools, but how reliable is this when strongly motivated political appointees press their ideas?"

Mrs Smith, an Ilea teacher, said that schools in some areas were inundated with books, videos and other resources advocating homosexuality as a viable, alternative way of life for children to consider. She cited a recent issue of *Gen*, a women's rights magazine, formally published by the Greater London Council, that was devoted to challenging heterosexuality and which had been withdrawn by the Ilea but was still circulating in outer London boroughs.

The conference stated its opposition to the teaching of "positive images" and Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the union, said: "The atmosphere at this conference convinces me that teachers all over the country are seriously worried about this issue."

Livingstone promises Bill for homosexuals

By Peter Mulligan

Mr Ken Livingstone yesterday promised to present a Bill in the Commons outlawing all discrimination against lesbians and homosexuals.

The Labour MP for Brent, East, said he wanted to put each MP "on the spot" by asking if he or she was prepared to oppose legislation whose sole objective was to oppose discrimination.

Mr Livingstone was speaking at a meeting marking the twentieth anniversary of the Sexual Offences Act, 1967 which legalized some homosexual acts.

He is giving his support after research by the London Strategic Policy Unit, a group

funded by nine Labour-controlled councils.

Mr Livingstone said the Bill should be a simple measure enabling "each individual area of prejudice" to be attacked by removing its legal basis.

Equality was all that was asked for. Discrimination was still thoroughly pervasive.

The London Strategic Policy Unit believes current law is "a long way off" from treating lesbians and homosexuals equally with the rest of society.

It says the 1967 Act was based on a "very limited tolerance" of homosexuality and was not designed to bring about equal rights for homosexuals and lesbians.

Competitive sport wins full support

"Weak-kneed, wishy-washy academics" who urged schools to ban competitive sports were condemned by the Professional Association of Teachers yesterday.

Mr Derek Norcross, the union's incoming vice-chairman and head of St Paul's Primary School, Hastings, warned the conference of "the mistaken philosophy which only recognizes the negative aspects of competition and fails to see its many virtues".

He said: "Life itself is competitive and to believe or pretend otherwise is a serious disservice to our children". His former pupils included an Olympic swimmer who had twice failed his bronze medal in the school pool.

He urged the conference, which voted overwhelmingly to support competitive sports, to tackle the danger of over-emphasizing winning.

School dropped Latin in favour of Bengali

By Our Education Reporter

Latin, Greek and classical studies have been dropped from the curriculum in a north London girls' secondary school because they are "monocultural", the conference of the Professional Association of Teachers was told in Exeter yesterday.

Miss Jeanie Cohen, classics teacher at Parliament Hill girls' school in Camden, an Inner London Education Authority school, said later that her subject was dropped 18 months ago by the former head. The budget for classics teaching was transferred to finance the teaching of Bengali.

Miss Cohen said: "The reason given was that classical studies was monocultural and therefore unsuitable for a multicultural school."

Miss Cohen, an Oxford graduate in Greats, now

teaches Latin to a dwindling number of pupils.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson, a teacher in a Church of England primary school in Westminster, central London, told the conference that the introduction of a national curriculum would stop councils from using schools for political ends.

"Many children are emerging from schools with great chasms in their knowledge - they have problems spelling and writing grammatically", she said.

Mr John Tyler, a primary teacher from Cleveland, said that he was concerned that the national curriculum as described by ministers did not include moral education. The conference resolved to call on the Government not to allow the core curriculum to "be the whole fruit".

Parks' artists 'outrank' Constable

By Ruth Gledhill

A woman who made a sculpture out of a pile of rotting vegetables and a sculptor who urinates on his work are among the artists given government commissions in a £150,000 study of Britain's national parks.

Of the 11 artists who are to be paid about £8,000 each to create four works interpreting parkland, only three could be said to paint landscapes in the tradition of Constable.

The £150,000 project is sponsored by the Department of the Environment and the oil company, Conoco UK. The artists, chosen from a list of 80, will exhibit their work at the Victoria and Albert Museum next summer.

Mr Chris Titterton, a researcher with the V&A, said that Helen Chadwick, commissioned to capture the haunting beauty of the Pembrokeshire coastline, goes out into the landscape and brings back vegetables and animal pieces. He said: "She Xeroxes them on a machine and makes them into a huge floorpiece."

"Last year when she had finished with the vegetables she was using she put them into a glass tank where they rotted. They made a terrible racist smell."

Mr Titterton admitted he recommended most of the more controversial artists to the selection committee.

Mr John Murdoch, keeper of the department of designs, prints and drawings at the Victoria and Albert Museum, said: "We did not want some idealized image of fields, mountains and sky."

"We are not thinking about celebrating the simplicity or the broad superficiality of the countryside."

Andrew Goldworthy, a sculptor best known for his works in ice, has been allocated the lakes and daffodils of the Lake District.

Lord Belstead, Minister of State for the Environment, who launched the Artists in National Parks project at the V&A yesterday, said: "They are a broad range of exciting emerging and established talents."

"If that is going to mean there is quite a lot of debate about the work they are going to produce, I wish all the more strength to the elbow of this project."

Mr Titterton said: "Basically, it was going to be a very conservative show until I stuck my ear in."

ITV fight for day audiences

Independent television aims to win back daytime viewers with a new line-up of programmes including soap operas, game and quiz shows, and live documentaries.

Entertainment, current affairs, drama and films and information programmes are also in the independent daytime package announced yesterday.

The new service, to be launched in September, is aimed at winning back viewers lost when the BBC's day-

time line-up of programmes started earlier this year.

Tom O'Connor, Jeremy Beadle, Chris Searle, Derek Hobson, Gordon Burns and Denis Norden are the hosts of six new quiz and game shows which will start off daytime viewing after TV-am's Breakfast Show finishes each morning.

They will be followed by *Santa Barbara*, a new *Dallas*-style soap opera set in the California seaside community, which will go out each weekday morning.

The long-running Scottish soap opera, *Take the High Road*, will join the daytime line-up three times a week and Bernard Braden will return to television as the new host of the long-running *All Our Yesterdays*.

Sue Macgregor is leaving Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* after 15 years to work full-time on the *Today* morning news programme.

She will be replaced by Jenni Murray, who already introduces the Monday edition of the programme.

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Genetic fingerprinting

One in 4,000 refuses murder test

By Craig Seton

Only one man from more than 4,000 has refused to take part in a genetic fingerprinting test launched by Leicestershire police to trap the killer of two teenage girls.

Dawn Ashworth and Lynda Mann, both aged 15, were sexually attacked and strangled in the neighbouring villages of Enderby and Narborough, Leicestershire, in incidents three years apart. Police believe a local man murdered both girls and may strike again.

Now, a year since Dawn's body was found in a field in Enderby, the team of 24 police officers working on the investigation is no nearer tracking down the killer.

Detectives are nearing the end of a programme to persuade all males between the ages of 13 and 30 who live or

work in Enderby, Narborough and the adjacent village of Littlethorpe, to give a sample of blood for testing.

So far, 4,195 males have voluntarily given blood and, from results received, 3,556 have been eliminated from the investigation by the first use of a scientific technique known as DNA testing, which gives a genetic fingerprint of an individual from a sample of body fluid.

But one man who lives in the area has refused repeated requests to give a blood sample. Det. Supt. Tony Painter, who is in charge of the inquiry, has tried to persuade the man to give a sample which could clear him of suspicion.

Mr Painter said: "We are still endeavouring to persuade him, but he is no more a suspect than anybody else. But, without a blood sample,

we have not eliminated him from our inquiries."

"A number of people refused to start with, but we saw them, explained the situation and they eventually agreed. It is a voluntary test."

The fact that only one person had refused a sample demonstrated the tremendous co-operation shown by the villagers. A further 400 males have yet to be given the test and police are looking for another 20 who have left the area.

DNA testing was developed by Dr Alec Jeffries, of Leicester University, and used for the first time by police investigating the murder of Dawn Ashworth.

It proved conclusively that Richard Buckland, aged 17, from Narborough, who was charged with the murder, could not have been involved in the sex attacks.

Police have taken more than 7,300 statements since the investigation started in November 1983 and made nearly 25,000 entries on the computer being used.

Det. Chief Supt. David Baker, head of Leicestershire CID, said yesterday: "As a result of the scientific progress of the case, we can state quite categorically that the person involved in the death of Lynda Mann was also involved in the death of Dawn Ashworth."

But, he conceded that police were no nearer tracking down the killer, in spite of a £20,000 reward being offered.

He said: "We have not got that vital piece of information which would allow us to put the jigsaw together. Somewhere, someone may hold a piece of information, perhaps about somebody's movements, which would help us."

London buses will be deregulated to save state subsidies

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The Government is to push ahead with plans to deregulate London's buses. It will extend what it sees as the success in improving services and cutting state subsidies of the bus deregulation in 1985 across the rest of Britain.

Mr David Mitchell, minister responsible for public transport, said yesterday: "The introduction of deregulation has been kept in mind in developing the objectives for the next three years for the chairman of London Regional Transport". He said that deregulation of London's buses would not come before 1990.

LRT, which operates both London Underground and the capital's 5000 buses, has already put 90 bus routes out to competitive tender, achieving an average saving of 20 per cent on existing costs. London Bus has won 39 of these routes, present and former subsidiaries of the National Bus Company now operate 31 with the remaining 20 secured by private operators.

In preparation for deregulation LRT has halved its requirement for government subsidy in the past two years

to £99 million and this will be cut to £58 million in the current financial year.

Commenting on the move to complete bus deregulation in Britain Mr Mitchell said: "We will have to parallel the system in the rest of the country where an authority identifies socially necessary routes and arranges to have these routes put out to competitive tender".

The minister told an audience of bus operators in London that the Government had faced fierce opposition in introducing bus deregulation. Critics had predicted chaos on the streets, high prices, unsafe vehicles, huge loss of services and soaring subsidy but this had not occurred. Competitive tendering on socially necessary routes had cut subsidies of almost £500 million a year by £40 million.

It was made clear the Government was less than impressed by the efforts of Greater Manchester Public Transport Executive to crush a new rival operator of mini buses. Mr Mitchell said: "There is provision in the 1985 Act for Public Transport Companies to be broken up

into smaller units and we shall consider the desirability of doing that".

Replying to criticism that in some cities deregulation had led to droves of empty buses crowding on to popular routes, he said market forces would determine whether this encouraged passenger traffic or forced some operators away.

In spite of the apparent failure of taxi sharing in experiments at Heathrow Airport, Paddington and Waterloo stations in London, the Department of Transport will serve an order this week extending the scheme to the whole of London. It is expected that by the end of the year local authorities throughout Britain will have introduced taxi sharing.

London's 15,000 taxi drivers have found it difficult to break the old habits of not touting for business or encouraging passengers to share journeys.

The flagging fortunes of the scheme may be revived by encouraging sharing on commuter routes used by taxi drivers who drive into the centre of London without a fare to work.

Diving dispute ruffles calm of island sanctuary

By Andrew Morgan



Mr Stephen Sutcliffe with his wife, Anna, and son, Benjamin, the sole human inhabitants of Skomer island, off Wales, where Mr Sutcliffe is warden (Photograph: Chris Harris)

The burgeoning number of holiday sub-aqua divers around the island of Skomer, South Wales, yesterday renewed the dispute over water rights between the sportsmen and the Nature Conservancy Council.

Mr Stephen Sutcliffe, the warden, estimates that 3,000 diver-visits will be recorded this year around Skomer, with many diving over the wreck of a Dutch coaster near some of Britain's highest concentrations of wildlife, including flocks of puffins.

The growing numbers have put a strain on voluntary codes of conduct.

The Nature Conservancy Council owns Skomer, which has the most extensive wildlife in South-west Britain. The NCC has applied to the Welsh Office to have Skomer elevated to a statutory marine nature reserve.

Intense opposition yesterday came from the British Sub-Aqua Club, with 50,000 members, to the proposals to ban divers from areas of Skomer island during specific periods.

Permits would be issued at other times. They claim the NCC proposals show discrimination, particularly in banning divers from collecting shellfish while commercial fishermen continue to pot lobsters.

Mr Robert Norgren, chief executive of the British Sub-Aqua Club, has written to the Welsh Office saying it is

unlikely that a submerged diver, or one on the surface, would disturb birds nesting on the cliffs above.

In response, the conservancy council claims that it needs the option of a £1,000 fine because of the number of infringements. A spokesman added: "The proposed exclusion zones will give legal force to the existing voluntary ones. Entry by permit will make it possible to take action against anybody over-stepping the mark - not just divers."

On the fishing issue, he said: "We are bound by the 1968 Countryside Act to pay due regard to the economic interests of rural areas. There is a difference between collection of shellfish for personal consumption and lobster potting for a livelihood."

Mr Sutcliffe, his wife, Anna, and their baby son, Benjamin, are the only long-term inhabitants on the wild outcrop in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

Mr Sutcliffe, who until last year was the managing director of a large oil distribution company, said: "The only problem is not having electricity to wash the baby's clothes and not having a corner shop."

"Our shopping trips usually have a £300 a bill. We miss our friends but many still come over."

Mrs Sutcliffe said: "Stephen's new job has made him healthier and more fun. He earns five times less but laughs twenty times more than when he was in the oil business."

Four guilty of homes deal fraud

By Mark Ellis

Four men were convicted yesterday of defrauding a church charity by buying homes for the poor at undervalued prices and reselling them on the booming London property market.

A jury at the Inner London Crown Court found the four guilty of defrauding the charity over the sale of 13 houses in Kennington, south-east London, for £52,000 when they were worth £456,000.

Phillip Pollock, aged 45, a charity clerk, of Douglas Drive, Shirley, Surrey; Benjamin Gurvitz, aged 53, a surveyor, of Godalming, Surrey, and two builders, Barry Rosoman, aged 34, also of Douglas Drive, Shirley, and Brian Glen, aged 40, of Croft Avenue, West Wickham, Kent, will be sentenced today.

Pollock, Rosoman and Glen were convicted also of conspiracy to obtain property by deception in another scheme involving 72 properties in Sydenham, south-east London. Gurvitz was cleared of the charge.

The property all belonged to the St Olave, St Thomas and St John United Charities, of Bermondsey, south London, whose 13 trustees relied on the advice of two of the men on how best to provide for the poor in its care.

Pollock and Gurvitz were also convicted of obtaining by deception a charity-owned house in Kennington for Gurvitz's girl friend, which was sold for a £15,000 profit.

Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, for the prosecution, told the court during the seven-week trial that Gurvitz, who was not a qualified surveyor, produced gloomy survey reports of the properties while Pollock had persuaded the trustees to sell at "scandalously" low prices.

A number of companies tendered for the properties, but all were owned by the four men under various disguises, including an offshore company based in the Isle of Man.

The four, who pleaded not guilty to all charges, were arrested after a press investigation into the plight of charity residents whose homes were being sold.

In evidence, Gurvitz admitted giving Pollock a cheque for £14,460.32 as a loan for medical bills, and not as a "pay-off". Mr David Cocks, QC, for Pollock, said that Pollock's name on property company stationery was a printing error.

Centre to study fringe medicines

Britain's first research centre for alternative medicine will be opened at Exeter University today.

Staff at the centre, which is thought to be the first of its kind in the western world, will study fringe medicine techniques such as acupuncture, herbalism, homeopathy and naturopathy.

It is the first time such treatments have been given formal backing by a university and the centre has attracted international interest.

The complementary health studies centre will be run by the former president of the Traditional Acupuncture Society, Mr Roger Hill, aged 51, and the president of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists, Mr Simon Mills.

El Greco tax deal is denied

A French doctor denied putting up an oil painting believed to be worth £20 million as settlement for a £30,000 debt, a court was told yesterday.

Dr Henri Puget said: "That is completely false", when asked if he agreed to hand over the El Greco painting called "The Pilgrim of Emmaus".

It was claimed earlier at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, that he had borrowed the £30,000 from Mr Otto Stalp, a Dutchman aged 48, to pay off tax debts.

Mr Stalp, of Sceptre Road, Bethnal Green, east London, is accused of stealing the painting between March 16, 1981, and August 15, 1984.

Dr Puget said that Stalp, who had been appointed as agent for the sale of the painting, did not have permission to remove it from the art gallery in Surrey where it was being kept.

"We told him never to take the painting out of the gallery without our prior agreement. He was only authorized to contact art experts and get them to go to the gallery to see the painting."

The case continues.

Farmer fined for dog fight

A Derbyshire farmer was fined £750 yesterday for allowing an illegal dog fight between two American pit bull terriers to take place in his stables.

Denley Allen, aged 46, of Redmoor Farm, Smalley, who will appeal, was ordered to pay £350 costs by Ilkeston magistrates after denying any knowledge of the contest.

Sentence cut for £1m theft

A judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday cut by 18 months the six-year jail sentence passed last week upon the former chief accountant of the Pitman Secretarial College in central London.

Charles Maguire, aged 54, of Dover Street, Mayfair, pleaded guilty to theft from his employers amounting to £1.4 million.

Scar award

A girl whose face was scarred when she was bitten by a friend's cross-bred bull terrier was awarded £3,920 damages in the High Court yesterday. Victoria Goldman, aged eight, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, was given £100 immediately to buy a bicycle.

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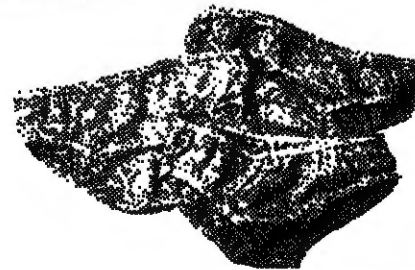
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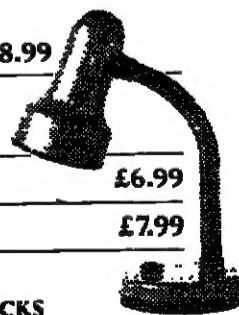
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Pretoria says 190 killed in Angola

Johannesburg — South African military headquarters in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, announced last night that 190 "terrorists" and members of the Angolan Army had been killed in a follow-up operation in southern Angola (Michael Hornsby writes). "Terrorists" is the term routinely used by the South Africans to describe guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), which is fighting against South African occupation of Namibia.

It is many months since South Africa claimed so many enemy casualties in a single operation. The annual wet season, the period when Swapo infiltration is at its height, is over, and "follow-up" looks like a euphemism for an operation aimed primarily at targets in Angola.

The communiqué did not specify when or where the fighting took place. One possibility is that the South African incursion was designed to relieve pressure on Dr. Jonas Savimbi's UNITA rebels, who are facing an offensive by Angolan government troops.

Soviet fear on prices

Moscow — The Soviet Finance Minister, Mr. Boris Gostev, has denied that big price rises are being planned in the Soviet Union (Mary Dejevsky writes). He said on a television phone-in programme on Monday evening that there would be some increases, but this did not mean there would be a currency reform or that prices of food, goods and services would rise steeply.

There is widespread trepidation here that the transition of industry to a system of self-financing will result in the doubling or even tripling of prices.

Several leading Soviet economists have advocated sweeping price reform and the establishment of greater differentials between what is paid for staples and luxury goods to restore some balance between supply and demand.

Arbitration refused

Addis Ababa (Reuters) — Libya has refused any arbitration to settle its dispute with Chad over the uranium-rich Aouzou area, the Organization of African Unity meeting in Addis Ababa was told yesterday.

A report by the OAU committee on Aouzou said a Libyan Foreign Ministry official had said: "The Aouzou strip is an integral part of Libyan territory and can neither be a subject of bargaining nor negotiation in any court of law."

President Bongo of Gabon, chairman of the committee, said OAU investigators were told that Libya refused to receive experts sent to study technical aspects of the dispute.

Arrival arrests

Ottawa — Canadian immigration authorities yesterday were holding three people who arrived by air in the North-west Territories the previous night claiming to be refugees (John Best writes).

The three — an Iranian and two Sri Lankans, husband and wife — flew into Inuvik, in the southern part of Baffin Island, from Nuuk in Greenland. They were reported to have been arrested by Canadian police for illegal entry.

Meanwhile, in Halifax yesterday, preparations were being completed for the temporary release of 166 of the 174 Asian illegal immigrants detained since coming ashore on the Nova Scotia coast on July 12 claiming refugee status. The others are being held in detention, apparently for security reasons.

Hitler 'portrait' found

Speyer, West Germany (Reuters) — The only known self-portrait by Adolf Hitler has been discovered in the possession of a Viennese family, a West German historian said yesterday.

The unsigned 23in by 16in canvas in oils shows the 35-year-old Hitler, a frustrated painter, wearing traditional dark green Bavarian trunks, Professor Werner Maser said. He intends to publish the portrait as an illustration in a new edition of his biography, *Adolf Hitler — Legend, Myth, Reality*, which is due to appear next spring.

Explorers of Titanic deny pillaging the wreck

From Diana Geddes Paris

The French company organizing the Franco-British expedition to the wreck of the Titanic yesterday hotly denied allegations of "pillaging" and "robbery".

"It is written into the contract which we negotiated between Ifremer (the French Institute for Maritime Research and Exploration) and the British financial backers, Ocean Research and Exploration Ltd, that none of the objects recovered from the wreck may be sold or used for any other purposes than exhibitions," M

Yves Cornet, managing director of Taormis International, said.

"Rather than continue to let the remains of the Titanic rot unseen at the bottom of the sea, we thought it preferable to bring them up and treat them so that they can be preserved and put on public display in museums in Britain, the US and France."

"It is certainly not a question of pillaging the 75-year-old wreck."

M Cornet discounted reports that the Titanic's strongroom would be brought up. "It is simply not technically possible with the equip-

ment we are using," he said. "The mini-submarine Nautile, manned by three researchers, is equipped with two robot arms, which can pick up exposed objects on the wreck's surface or objects that have fallen on to the seabed."

"But it would be too dangerous for the Nautile to go right into the wreck and therefore impossible to reach the strongroom. The unmanned robot camera, the 'Robin', teleguided from the Nautile on a 230 ft cable, can explore the inside of the wreck, but it has no means of picking up objects."

During the Nautile's second dive on Sunday, Captain Yann Ker-

anflech reported that they saw a reasonably well preserved leather cabin trunk, several pairs of shoes, china and cutlery, trays, carafes and even some unopened bottles of wine. There were no reports of the sighting of any jewellery or gold. About a dozen objects were brought to the surface.

Many more objects were expected to be brought up during a third dive. The water temperature at the site of the wreck, 12,500 ft below sea level and 560 miles south of Newfoundland, was reported to be a little less than 2°C.

Ocean Research and Exploration has paid Ifremer 13.5 million francs (£1.35 million) to carry out the first 54-day phase of the operation, which is due to last until the end of August. A second phase lasting 17 days may then be decided at a further cost of 2.5 million francs.

The British company hopes to recover its money through the sale of photographs and colour video as well as through the revenue it expects to receive from a travelling exhibition of the recovered objects, which it is planning to mount before the objects are handed over for more permanent exhibition in museums.

US sweep for Gulf mines as Bridgeton gets clearance to sail

From Robert Fisk, Kuwait

The mine-damaged American-flagged supertanker Bridgeton is expected to start its return journey down the Gulf under US naval escort on Friday evening with its four smashed compartments still in need of repair and only two-thirds of a full cargo of crude oil on board.

The American Coastguard, whose permission to load must be sought by the masters of US-flagged vessels, gave verbal approval yesterday for crude oil to be pumped onto the ship, but the operation will take at least two more days.

Computers will be used to measure the stress placed on the damaged area of the vessel by the 260,000 tons of oil which it is to take through the Strait of Hormuz.

Once her cargo has been transferred to other vessels in the Gulf of Oman, the Bridgeton will almost certainly have to enter dry dock in Dubai or Bahrain for extensive repairs to her hull, in which the mine last week smashed a hole 21ft by 10ft on her port side 200ft from the bow.

The US Navy was reported yesterday to have begun sweeping for mines in the channel 18 miles from Farsi Island where the Bridgeton was struck, apparently using sonar-equipped helicopters from the three escort frigates which have been on station off

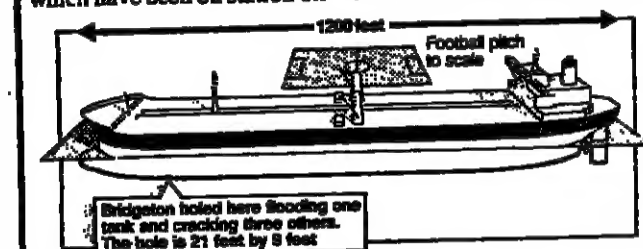
newspaper. *Jumhuri Islami*, warned that if Kuwait went on with these "mischiefs" it would be attacked by missiles. Kuwait's "mischiefs" is to allow Iraqi merchandise — particularly arms supplies — through her port and, allegedly, to have allowed Iraqi aircraft to use Kuwaiti bases. The weapons often arrive here on Russian vessels, which is why the Soviet Navy — unlike the Americans — is equipped with minesweepers in the Gulf. Ammunition ships are far more vulnerable than supertankers.

The Kuwaitis have meanwhile been entertaining Major General Youssef al-Madani, the Saudi chairman of the military committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council, whose influence may be needed if Saudi minesweepers are to be used to clear the international sea lanes for Kuwaiti ships, and Mr Qe Huaiyan, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister.

According to the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry, the Chinese, who are major arms suppliers to Iran, have expressed their support for the re-flagging measures taken by Kuwait and are "seriously" considering Kuwait's request to register some of its tankers in China.

Any hopes the Kuwaitis may have had, however, that British re-flagging of their vessels may have afforded them Royal Navy protection have been dashed by British officials.

Privately, they have been making it clear that British registration does not guarantee naval protection and that Royal Navy units hardly ever, if at all, sail beyond Bahrain. Kuwaiti tankers are therefore going to gain little more than a discreet naval escort through the Strait of Hormuz.



The damage caused to the Bridgeton by the mine appears small considering the supertanker's size but loading her with a cargo of oil will be a difficult operation. The weight of 260,000 tons of oil, coupled with the buoyancy of the ship's four damaged compartments, will impose undue strains on the vessel's bulkheads and could break her back if not evenly distributed.

Moscow attacks 'build-up'

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

The Soviet Union has attacked the United States for building up its forces in the Gulf and accused it of trying to establish a permanent military presence there.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry statement yesterday said US activities contravened the recent UN Security Council resolution on the Gulf War which both superpowers had supported.

Moscow also announced that Mr Yuli Vorontsov, first

Deputy Foreign Minister, would visit Tehran and Baghdad soon in an attempt to bring the two sides in the Gulf War closer together.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, denied charges by the US Defence Secretary, Mr Casper Weinberger, to the effect that Moscow was building up its forces along the Iranian border.

Mr GENEVA: "If Kuwait continues to support the Iraqi regime in attacks on ships in the Persian Gulf, we will take retaliatory measures," the Ira-

Despair amid Colombo riots



A Buddhist monk sheltering from tear gas during yesterday's riots in Colombo against Sri Lanka's planned agreement with the Tamil separatists. Two monks were among 18 killed.

Governments 'complacent' over attacks on shipping

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Two hundred and seventy-nine ships were attacked in the Gulf between May 1981 and January 1987, but world governments, including Britain's, have adopted "complacent, defeatist attitudes to these acts of terrorism", a report claimed yesterday.

The all-party defence select committee published evidence from an inquiry into the protection of British merchant shipping in the Gulf, much of which said that support was inadequate. A memorandum from Lloyd's Underwriters' Association said Lloyd's had sustained heavy losses from the Gulf War and the numbers of attacks on ships showed protection measures were "clearly insufficient".

Mr Sam McCuskie, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said the Royal Navy's Armilla patrol — two frigates and a destroyer — was inadequate.

The strongest criticism came from the merchant

officers' union Numast, whose memorandum painted a grim picture of conditions endured by the 200 or so British seamen in the Gulf.

Since 1983, 16 British or British-registered ships had been attacked and seven British sailors killed. Ships were obliged to sail by night — blacked-out, maintaining radio silence and with navigation lights extinguished — regardless of the risks of collision.

Crew members of British ships were increasingly exercising their right not to sail in the Gulf, despite the problems they knew this would cause employers. British sailors on other ships had no such option: "Short of mutiny or desertion such seafarers are compelled to risk life and limb."

Numast generally welcomed the presence of the Armilla patrol, though it was worried this could lead to British involvement in the Iran-Iraq conflict. But it sharply criti-

cized governments, including the British, for lack of determined action.

They were disinterested in the fate of seamen, complacent and defeatist when faced with acts of international terrorism, and failed to apply tough pressure to end the conflict.

Numast called on the Government to spearhead new initiatives to end the conflict and to co-ordinate an international naval force to police the Gulf.

The Armilla patrol was praised in a memorandum from the General Council of British Shipping, while a joint memorandum from the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the Department of Transport said that 10 to 15 British-linked ships a week used the Gulf, but only six had been attacked during the war.

Defence Select Committee: *The Protection of British Merchant Shipping in the Persian Gulf*. HMSO, £11.40.

Darjeeling tea gardens wilt in heat of Gurkha revolt

From Gavin Bell, Darjeeling

Peace talks in Delhi aimed at ending a Gurkha revolt in the foothills of the Himalayas are being watched closely in the Happy Valley tea garden.

The 495-acre plantation is normally teeming with workers, plucking the tender leaves which are exported throughout the world as Darjeeling tea. Local growers regard the variety, with its light and distinctive flavour, as "the champagne of teas".

Since May last year, however, almost all of the 72 gardens have been hit repeatedly by strikes declared by the Gorkha National Liberation Front in support of demands for a separate state in the Nepali-speaking hill region of West Bengal. Last year the industry lost 2.5 million, and a strike during the first "flush" of the harvesting season in April this year, when the finest quality is produced, cost it a further 21 million. The effect of the most recent strike late last month is still being calculated.

Last week Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, rejected the front's demand for a separate "Gorkhaland", but discussions are continuing in the hope of reaching a compromise on some form of autonomy.

At the height of the last strike Mr Ramesh Datta, the secretary of the Darjeeling Planters' Association, surveyed the scene of inactivity from his colonial bungalow with dismay. "These repeated disruptions are hitting us very badly. The tea bush is a hardy

Delhi — Guards sealed off part of Delhi's Ashoka Hotel where leaders of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were staying (Gavin Bell writes). They were taken to meet Mr S. Ramachandran, Minister responsible for Sri Lankan affairs.

plant, so not plucking it is not going to harm it. But if these heavy losses continue, it is not impossible that some of the weaker units might be forced to suspend operations."

Sipping the local produce and eating cucumber sandwiches, Mr Datta said a growing concern was servicing development loans.

Darjeeling tea estates are largely self-contained communities, each with its own housing, schools, medical facilities, subsidized food and power supplies. Some 300,000 people, half of the local population, are entirely dependent on the industry. When it suffers, so do they.

Time may be running out for Mr Sahash Chising, the relatively moderate leader of the front, as he attempts to reach a settlement in Delhi. On Friday a dissident faction in Darjeeling said the demand for statehood could not be compromised and it would resume violent agitation if necessary.

Mr Datta is uncertain about the future: "We will continue to produce tea and honour our contracts. But what these people do not realize is that no matter whether this is West Bengal or Gorkhaland, you cannot shift a tea garden. If they continue like this, even if Gorkhaland comes about, they will have killed the only industry that can make it half-way viable."

Iraq downs Syrian jet on border

Baghdad (Reuters) — Iraqi anti-aircraft gunners shot down a Syrian MiG21 yesterday after it flew into Iraqi airspace in the first such incident involving the two countries. The pilot was captured alive.

Baghdad television interrupted normal programmes for a military statement saying that the fighter was shot down at 10.39am local time. It said that the jet crashed close to a phosphate complex near the town of al-Qaim, on the Euphrates about 200 miles north-west of Baghdad.

Al-Qaim lies about 12 miles inside Iraq and the statement indicated that the plane crashed nine miles from the border with Syria.

Baghdad, which broke relations with Syria in 1980 for helping Iran in its war with Iraq, accused Damascus more than three years ago of helping Iranian warplanes attack Wad al base in Iraq's western border area near Syria. Iranian warplanes could not fly such a long-range mission without Syrian help, Iraq said then.

Political analysts did not rule out the possibility that the Syrian pilot might have been attempting to defect to Iraq but was unable to make his intentions known to Iraqi gunners.

Angry Botha condemns EEC protest

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, reacted sharply yesterday to a protest by the European Community over Pretoria's treatment of people held with-

He urged Community governments "to direct their condemnation to the ANC, which has reaffirmed its policy of violence, including brutal intimidation of moderate forces in South Africa."

"The 12 should state clearly that they will not countenance the organization's violent methods to achieve political objectives," he said.

He said all detainees were under the provisions of leg-

islation, and detainees had ample opportunity to lodge complaints of maltreatment and to seek redress in the courts. Every effort was made to investigate specific allegations of ill-treatment.

EEC diplomatic sources here said there was no significance in the timing of the protest, but South African sources suggested it was a cynical ploy to impress the Organisation of African Unity meeting in Addis Ababa.

Thanking the EEC for its protest, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference yesterday recalled that its Secretary-General, Father Smapaliso Mkhathshwa, had complained of being tortured in detention in August of last

year and that an investigation had been promised. "Why is it that, after almost a year, no report of the findings of that investigation — if it was, indeed, ever carried out — has been made known to the public?" the bishops asked.

In the white House of Assembly in Cape Town, the chief whip of the extreme right-wing Conservative Party, Mr Frank Le Roux, has announced that he will move a motion today calling on the House to express its displeasure at the "unparliamentary behaviour of those South Africans who this month held talks with the ANC in Senegal."

Mr Le Roux gave notice of the motion yesterday after the Speaker, Mr Louis Le Grange,

had turned down a request by his party, which became the official Opposition after the white general election on May 6, for a "snap debate" on the Senegals talks.

He said that the House would also be asked to censure the Government for "not having taken any positive steps to prevent this repugnant course of action."

Meanwhile, a post-mortem examination on Mr Eric Mntonga, the murdered black official of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) which set up the Senegals talks, showed that he died not from a stab wound, as first thought, but from a subdural haemorrhage. The stab wound was inflicted after his death.

Soviet literary giant criticized as lacking depth

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

One of the icons of Russian literature in the Soviet period, Mikhail Sholokhov, is criticized in the latest issue of the youth journal *Ogonyok*.

An article devoted to another classic writer of the Soviet period, Alexander Fadeyev, described differences of opinion between Fadeyev and Sholokhov in which Sholokhov emerged as a perpetrator of stereotypes, a writer lacking depth and someone who decked administrative responsibility. It also implied that he failed to

support writers who unwittingly fell foul of the authorities in Stalin's time.

Sholokhov's novels, *And Quiet Flows the Don* and *Virgin Soil Upturned*, are obligatory reading for Soviet school-children and regarded as prime examples of the genre of socialist realism — which requires a politically correct approach and a so-called positive hero, as well as realism. He was until now virtually immune from criticism in the official press.

The reappraisal of Sholokhov came within days of an article in the latest *Pravda* Gazette, which argued that

socialist realism and the positive hero — the canon for Soviet writers working within the system — had outlived their usefulness.

The article about Fadeyev also had unusually kind words for Nikita Khrushchev, who has rarely been mentioned in the Soviet press since he was removed from the leadership in 1964.

Fadeyev is quoted as saying that Khrushchev's charm lay in the integrity of his character, which was the integrity of the ordinary person.

Khrushchev's mind, he said, was also the mind of an ordinary person.

Papandreou names his price for pact on American bases

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Twenty-four hours before engaging in important talks with the United States Government, Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, has named his price for letting the US keep military bases in Greece: "The Aegean and Cyprus".

He was alluding to American safeguards against what the Greeks see as Turkish expansionism in the Aegean, as well as to action to ease a Cyprus solution, such as the withdrawal of the Turkish Army from the island's occupied north.

"If we cannot resolve our great national issues," Mr Papandreou said, "there can be no room for foreign bases here."

The present agreement, which enables the Americans to operate four main installations and a multitude of lesser facilities, expires at the end of next year. They are given a further 17 months to dismantle them if the agreement is not renewed.

Mr Michael Armacost, the American under-Secretary of State for political affairs who has been visiting Turkey, is due in Athens today to impress on Mr Papandreou that Washington wants a deal on the bases before the end of this year.

But Mr Papandreou, speaking to reporters on Monday, said breezily: "If they are in a hurry, I am not."

He was asked if he was hoping to trade the bases agreement against US guarantees of Greece's protection from possible Turkish aggression. "I cannot give details," he replied. "I am not showing my cards now."

Talks about the way the bases negotiations are to be conducted, he said, were likely to begin late in September. "This time we start from scratch," he said. "We are assuming that there are no bases. So everything is on the table."

But an American source suggested that if no settlement were reached by the end of this year a serious situation could develop — "more serious than he suspects," the source said. "The US Armed Services are getting fed up."

Mr Armacost's visit comes in the wake of some brisk posturing from both sides.

At one point, relations edged towards breaking point when Mr Papandreou, outraged by American allegations that Greek Government officials had negotiated a safe-conduct deal with the Abu Nidal terrorist group, demanded an outright retraction, otherwise there would be no bases talks. "The bases will just have to go," he said.



Mr Papandreou: "If they are in a hurry, I am not."

A Greek cartoonist was inspired by the vehemence of the Greek reaction to draw President Reagan throwing himself at the feet of Mr Papandreou who was shown slouching on an imperial throne. "Come off it, Ronnie," the caption said. "I only wanted to test you."

Little Greece humbling the mighty United States is the Greek left's favourite fantasy. Mr Papandreou, whose domestic policies have alienated support from the left, often uses national pride to jog his popularity.

The Greek-American tiff ended as abruptly as it had begun. Mr Armacost, in a letter to the Greek Foreign Minister, which neither retracted nor apologized, dismissed it all as a misunderstanding among friends and allies.

The episode demonstrated, if anything, that the Americans are as keen to get on with the bases negotiations, despite the hostile rhetoric, as Mr Papandreou is to maintain for Greece the flow of US weapons (Athens has just ordered 300 second-hand US tanks), bank credits, and dollar-bearing tourists.

Some Americans suspect that Mr Papandreou may be dragging his feet on the bases in the hope of luring back the support of the left.

It is suggested that if the Americans refuse to pay the price Mr Papandreou is asking for the bases, he could break off negotiations, ask the Americans to pull out, then ride the tide of left-wing euphoria to win a third term in a surprise general election.



Dr Maricarmen Martin displaying a photocopy of the long-lost manuscript history of the Inca empire which she found in a private library in Majorca.

Majorca discovery will throw new light on the Incas

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A manuscript describing the history and customs of the Incas of Peru, written at the time of the Spanish conquest, has been found by a Spanish colonial historian in a private library in Majorca.

The 120-page manuscript takes the form of 82 hitherto missing chapters of a book written by a seventeenth-century Spanish conquistador, Juan de Betanzos, who married a niece of a last Inca and stayed on in Cuzco, the Inca capital, surrounded by the surviving native nobility.

"No history of the Incas has given such concrete details. It is the most faithful account I have seen, for Betanzos became imbued with the atmosphere of the Inca empire and his assimilation of their values, even of the Quechua language, is extraordinary," Dr Maricarmen Martin Rubio, lecturer in Spanish colonial history at Madrid's Complutense University, said.

"It is what historians have been looking for for more than 200 years, but believed lost," she added.

Prescott, when writing his *History of the Conquest of Peru* in the last century, used the first 18 chapters, copied out for him from the fragment kept in the Escorial library.

But the complete book, now discovered by Dr Martin, was lost in 1607. She found it in the library in Palma de Señor Bartolomé March, which he bought about 20 years ago from the Duke of Medinaceli.

"I never thought to find this complete missing manuscript," she said. In good condition and written in Castilian, the manuscript has been transcribed by Dr Martin and is to be published in Spain in October.

Betanzos, who first went to Peru with the original conquistadores and lived there continuously from 1542, was ordered in 1551 by the Viceroy to compile what he later called *A Compendium and Narration of the Incas*.

It was to assist the colonial administration to understand the complex Inca society they were engaged in taking over after Pizarro's conquest of Cuzco in 1533.

The book describes the laws of what was a theocratic society, its religious rites and the battles of former Incas, and describes the revolts after the initial conquest. Betanzos used for the history and legends he records the accounts he heard from the last of the Inca oral memorialists.

"It will de-mystify many obscure points and put things in their proper perspective and help to end some pure inventions," Dr Martin said.

Speaking of the best known episode of the conquest, Pizarro's ordering that Atahualpa, the last Inca ruler, should be killed, Dr Martin said: "There is veiled criticism of Pizarro and, reading between the lines, it is clear Betanzos felt that he should never have died."

Betanzos in the main did not comment, but described what he saw, she said. The manuscript revealed, however, that he disapproved of the destruction of the great Inca buildings, feeling that they should have been preserved.

"Prescott did not see their failings, but the Inca empire had great successes, and there were also inconveniences — and Betanzos saw this negative side," Dr Martin said.

The manuscript emphasizes what a hard-working people the ordinary citizens of the empire must have been, with culture and education confined to a nobility, Dr Martin added.

China gold mines plundered

From Robert Grievs, Peking

China's lucrative gold mines are being plundered by thieves who in some cases even cart away ore in trucks, the English-language *China Daily* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said that over the past six months in Henan Province, more than 700 people had been getting into the Xiaogoulin gold mine and taking out about 100 tons

of ore every day. Thieves drove 40 trucks into the Shangong gold mine in Luoning County in March and made off with 800 tons of ore.

The paper said that the thieves at the Shangong mine were armed with knives, sticks, explosives and detonators. They climbed down mine shafts or into pits and "elbowed away" state gold workers to get to the ore. In Hebei Province, more than 5,000 tons of ore had been

stolen from the Zhangjiakou mine since May, it said.

China's *Metallurgical News* said that poor supervision of the mines, illegal gold digging by farmers, and the issuing of too many permits to mine gold had contributed to the robberies.

Metallurgical News said that in the Xiaogoulin mine area alone there were 117 gold-ore processing plants run by collectives or individuals.

'Milk run' to freedom

East Bloc escapes head for record

From John England, Bonn

The number of people who have escaped from the Eastern Bloc to the West in the past few days — including four young East Germans who braved the communist "death strip" patrolled by guards who still have orders to shoot at people fleeing from East Germany — is nearing 40.

At the weekend, 32 Poles defected to Bavaria as easily and safely as stepping off tourist coaches — which is what they did. Arriving in Munich on board two coaches from Warsaw, they simply walked away from their travel groups and disappeared. The coaches crossed the Bavarian border back into Czechoslovakia at Eisenstein, on their way back to Poland, with only six passengers on board.

For Bavaria's border police, however, such mass defections by Poles and Czechs are now a matter of routine. At the border-police headquarters in Munich, Herr Wolfgang Schiele said: "Only three Poles and 164 Czechs jumped their tourist coaches in Bavaria in 1985. Last year, the totals rose to 374 and 212 respectively. Counting the most recent defections, the totals so far this year are 322 Poles and 192 Czechs. So we are in for a record 1987."

But, he adds, the Bavarian authorities have no idea where most of the defectors are. Only about 50 of the almost 600 last year asked for political asylum. Some others, including ethnic Germans, applied for residence permits or travelled on to other Western countries.

Most, however, are believed to have gone underground in Bavaria where they are thought to be working illegally for shady firms who hire out labour to building sites and factories without paying tax or social security contributions. "We have no evidence to

prove that," said Herr Schiele. "But we believe that Munich is now an organized market for cheap labour from the East Bloc, complete with agents who meet the coaches and distribute the Poles and Czechs among the hire firms."

For the Poles, the Warsaw-Frankfurt-Pilsen-Munich "milk run" on board coaches of the state-owned Orbis line has overtaken the short sea voyages from Danzig to Travemünde and Hamburg in popularity as an easy escape route. But the Bavarian border police say that preparations for a one-way trip to the West, for either Poles or Czechs, can take years. Travel applications must be approved by police, employers and the Communist Party.

Herr Carl-Dieter Spranger, Parliamentary State Secretary in the federal Interior Ministry, said in the Bundestag recently that only 219 of those who had crossed the border had returned to Poland in the past four years. He called on state and local governments to co-operate more closely in tracing and stemming the flood of illegal residents.

Even if caught the Poles risk nothing worse than a fine for not registering their presence in West Germany or for working on the grey economy, or both. Refugees from Eastern Europe are never sent back.

According to the border police, Polish or Czech defectors who decide to return to their homelands after a sojourn in West Germany now have little to fear from the authorities. "We hear that apart from a carpeting by local party officials most are accepted back without much fuss," said Herr Schiele. "That is probably contributing to the increased flow of coach-jumpers."

Ship hit in bombing practice

Tokyo (Reuters) — US Navy planes were conducting bombing practice off Japan on Monday night when a Malaysian freighter was hit by a projectile near Okinawa.

A US military spokesman said that the Navy was co-operating with Japanese authorities to investigate the incident in which one of the Pomex Saga's 21 Filipino crewmen was badly injured.

Going abroad

Peking (Reuters) — China's armed forces are to send promising young officers for training in foreign military academies.

Guard shot

Santiago (Reuters) — A member of President Pinochet's personal security squad was shot dead by guerrillas, Chile police said.

60 years' jail

Chicago (AP) — Felix Stuckey, aged 24, one of two men convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl has been sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Peasant revolt

Peking (AFP) — More than 1,000 rioting peasants in Sangzhe, Hunan province, took a fertilizer warehouse by storm after local officials refused to provide them with their usual supplies.

High hopes

Tokyo (AFP) — Seven Japanese cancer patients aged between 48 and 50, are to climb Mount Blanc, Europe's highest mountain, as part of a therapy programme which has already taken them to the top of Mount Fuji.

Jaguar shot

Seoul (Reuters) — Police shot dead a jaguar which escaped from a zoo in southern Seoul when its cage was smashed by a rain-triggered landslide.

Italy's 47th post-war Government

Goria Cabinet finds favour

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Italian Prime Minister designate, Signor Giovanni Goria, ducking criticism from his friends and allies, yesterday completed his government team ready for presentation to the President. "Only a freak of nature can now prevent this Government from ruling at least until the end of the holidays," commented one leading Italian journalist.

In a week when nature has been rather ill-behaved that was not much of a prediction. But Signor Goria, who will lead the country's 47th post-war Government, is determined to make the administration last.

The five political parties forming the Government (the Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals) met again

on Monday to analyze the distribution of Cabinet posts worked out by Signor Goria. Most of them appear to be relatively satisfied.

The small Social Democratic party tried yesterday morning to engage in brinkmanship when it insisted on a greater share in the Government. Knowing that Signor Goria was to present his Cabinet list to President Cossiga last evening or this morning, they decided that the Prime Minister was vulnerable to pressure. But political sources said the party, assigned the ministries of transport and public works, would be easily placated.

The Government is nevertheless sitting on a time bomb. The Christian Democrats have accepted until the au-

tomna a compromise on nuclear energy which provides for a moratorium on power-station construction. After that it wants a referendum on the issue. Nobody much likes this, but all the parties have accepted it as a temporary necessity to make possible the creation of a government. When it comes to the details of the referendum, the Government may well come apart at the seams.

Signor Bettino Craxi, the former Prime Minister and leader of the Socialist Party, is not participating in Signor Goria's Government, nor is his arch-enemy, Signor Ciriaco de Mita, leader of the Christian Democrats. That means that duelling between the two men can continue without necessarily destroying the Government.

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Into the hi-tech limelight

Last autumn four innovators "going nowhere" visited an exhibition in Birmingham. Now, as Caroline Moorehead reports, they have a £27 million order book — and *The Times* is opening the way to others

In a small factory on a new industrial estate near Swansea, overlooking the ruins of Neath Abbey, three of the partners in a new technology venture have been known to take a few minutes off to survey the mountains of packing cases all around them. For much of the rest of the time they are travelling all over the Continent signing contracts.

Eighteen months ago Axtel was a small research and development company, selling manufacturing licences to its range of new video interactive disc technology products. The business was healthy, but it did not seem to be going anywhere, and no one was making much money.

The four partners — Alan Gower and Steve Weir, both computer experts, Dennis Simpson, a businessman, and Peter Knoll, who was running a small office in the United States — vowed that if they ever invented something really exceptional they would market it themselves.

It came sooner than they had expected. They were working on video screens when they suddenly thought of producing an A4 size monitor, one that would be exactly the shape of an A4 piece of paper. "The advantages were obvious," Gower explained. "For the first time what you saw on the screen was something the full size of an ordinary sheet of paper, instead of having to keep fiddling with the controls."

They called it WYSIWYG — What You See Is What You Get. Why hadn't something so obvious happened before? "New technology really. It wasn't all that easy. People had tried and failed," WYSIWYG had other advantages: the screen,

which has a paper-white display, has very clear definition, making it far easier to read pictures as well as text appear extremely clearly.

The partners were excited but cautious. They began to market their new invention for themselves in a small way. Business was still slow. But then came one of those rare breaks in an inventor's life when it is possible to believe in fate — Techmart. Techmart is a "meeting place for technology transfer", a sort of *Exchange and Mart* of the technology world, a conference sponsored by the British Technology Group and organized by the exhibition division of the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham every autumn.

To Techmart, last year, went Axtel's partners as visitors, and there they came across a two-year-old company possessing the very skills, complementary to their own, that they most needed. International Marketing and Innovation Services (IMIS) had taken a stand at Techmart. Steven Dore, one of its nine-man team, looked at the new A4 monitor and was instantly impressed.

IMIS's forte lies in finding markets for good products and in establishing new networks across the Continent. A contract was signed and IMIS's representatives set out with Axtel's monitors. They came back with a first contract for 1,000 screens — worth £1 million.

Since then orders have poured in — to the tune of £27 million, Gower estimates. This week he was off to Italy to sign a further order. Meanwhile the company has begun to look for larger premises and plans to take on a further 40 staff. Wedged into their minute factory, the partners feel an understandable sense of euphoria. They talk of further improvement in the range of their



Screen stars: (left to right) Alan Gower, Dennis Simpson and Steve Weir, who found success at Techmart

screens, and ever better ideas.

If there is a catch it concerns only production. The contracts are there, but Axtel is still finding it hard to attract the investment it needs. "It's absurd," Weir says. "Enormous orders — and not enough venture capital."

Axtel's story says much about Techmart. The conference organization was founded in 1984, at a time when heavy investment in technology, led by imaginative design and aggressive marketing, were seen to be vital if Britain was not to be beaten by other manufacturing nations. In its first three years Techmart's stands have drawn investors, academics, designers, industrialists and inventors who come to talk, look — and meet people. Because, as Axtel has proved, contacts can often be turned into contracts.

£10,000 FOR THE INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

This year, for the first time, *The Times* is joining Barclays Bank in sponsoring an Innovator of the Year Award at Techmart, the Technology Transfer Exhibition.

There will be a first prize of £10,000 for the winner, plus £1,000-worth of free stand space at this year's Techmart exhibition. The runner-up receives another £1,000-worth of free stand space.

Researchers, engineers or technicians from academic, government, or commercial laboratories who have, or are about to, set up a new technological "spin-out" company, to exploit either their expertise or their research, are eligible to enter for the *Times* Techmart Innovator of the Year Award.

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pages long, with appendices if necessary, showing the balance between technical, marketing and financial skills, should go to David Killick, High Technology Team, Barclays Bank plc, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH, by August 31. Entrants, who need to have been established no longer than three years, should also say how they intend to spend the prize money.

The 1987 Techmart exhibition will take place from October 13-15 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The opening address — "Technology, the key to the future" — will be given by Sir Ian MacGregor, past chairman of British Coal and the British Steel Corporation.

Rebellion at the pit-head

Yorkshire miners are in the mood for more battles with the coal board

Arthur Scargill's much-publicized holiday in Cuba was put in jeopardy last week when the suspension of five men at the Frickley Colliery, in south Yorkshire, threatened to plunge the whole of the Yorkshire coalfield into a bitter dispute.

It was prevented by the restraint of local officials of the National Union of Mineworkers, who ordered the men back to work. But if British Coal's appeal tribunal this week upholds the dismissal of Ted Scott, a popular branch secretary at Stillingfleet, north Yorkshire, the NUM president could yet be forced to cut short his holiday.

With coal stocks high in the middle of summer and a determined Conservative Government in power, the truculent Yorkshire miners could not have picked a worse time for a fight. But yet again, they are threatening to strike.

The Frickley dispute taught them a simple lesson: you cannot go it alone. At a recent social evening at the Pretoria Working Men's club, in the pit-head village of South Elmsall, the Frickley miners were boldly predicting a total stoppage if Scott is dismissed. "You can't sack a union official and get away with it," one miner said. "If they call our bluff the flying pickets will swamp the coalfields — and not just in Yorkshire."

The recent outbreak of mining militancy has more to do with a grass-roots revolt against what the miners see as British Coal's attempts to humiliate the NUM — through the use of a new disciplinary code — than any orchestrated attempt by Scargill to repeat the 1984-5 year-long strike. Steve Tulley, branch secretary at the troubled Frickley Colliery, summed up the feelings of

many miners when he said the coal board was "spitting for a fight" after "locking the miners from pillar to post from the end of the strike". As Tulley put it: "When people are running with fire in their belly, ballots don't interest me."

At Woodlands, Doncaster, miners from Brodsworth Colliery recently returned from



Ted Scott: following policy

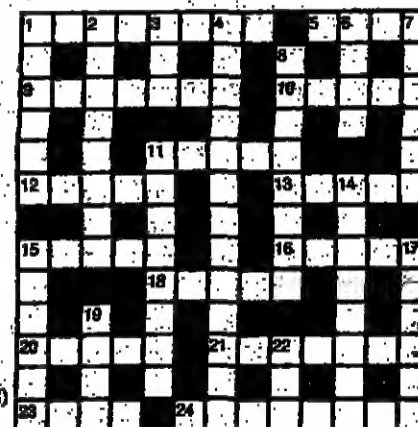
from holiday. They had missed the Frickley dispute, they had not forfeited any pay, and their business was intact. But last week the Frickley flying pickets were outside their gates pleading with them to join their official strike. Only a handful were prepared to walk through the pickets.

NUM officials are warning British Coal that if Scott is dismissed and a strike ensues, not a single miner will be prepared to walk through the official picket line. There is a bitter feeling on the picket lines last week: there is plenty of miners ready to join them now.

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10 Below (5)
11 Transparent fabric (5)
12 Loose blouse (5)
13 Precise (5)
15 Edible organs (5)
16 Amulet (5)
18 Truck (5)
20 Diver's breathing apparatus (5)
21 Absorb (7)
23 Care for (4)
24 Cover with water (8)



DOWN
1 Free (6)
2 Complete (5,3)
3 Agreeing head movement (3)
4 French mime artist
6 Conical (4)
7 Straight (6)
8 Money (8)
11 Head crown cap (8)
14 Slaughterhouse (8)
15 Counterbalance (6)
17 Styling foam (6)
19 Cabaret act (4)
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How to make a real killing

You've seen the Billionaire Boys murder trial — don't miss the rights to make the movie

This being Los Angeles, it had to happen: pretty well everybody is bidding for the rights to film the life and trial of Joe Hunt, leader of the infamous Los Angeles rich kids Billionaire Boys' Club, who was recently found guilty of the murder of businessman Ronald Levin and who now faces another trial, on August 24, for the murder of a wealthy Iranian, Hedayat Eslamian.



Big business: Joe Hunt

Hunt, having narrowly escaped the death penalty, is serving a life sentence in prison, with no possibility of parole. He is also big business. The book and television mini-series are both due out next year. Paramount is talking about a feature film and Hunt's agent, Sy Marsh, is even now peddling exclusive rights to his life story, to the tune of a million dollars.

Marsh insists his client is innocent. "He didn't really do it; he was just talking, the way kids do." Innocent or guilty, the offers are rolling in. "We have a lot of people interested, but we're not making any decisions until after the appeal."

As to who will get the million dollars, Marsh is adamant that by the time it materializes, his client will be out of jail, but he admits that, if Hunt were still there, half the money would go to Ron Levin's family and half to the State. Excluding, of course, Marsh's own 10 per cent.

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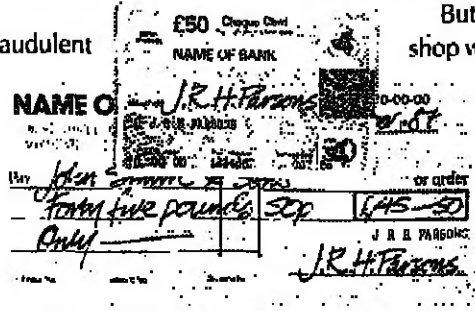
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLOSER TO ZERO

Last night's news that Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State is to meet Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, in September, followed hard upon the disclosure of further concessions by the United States at the arms control talks in Geneva. Expectations of a superpower summit later in the year to sign a historic accord over nuclear weapons in Europe have been inevitably raised — and with good reason.

Despite lingering doubts among some of the Nato partners and misgivings among military chiefs it looks as if Western Europe will soon be adjusting to a gap in the nuclear inventory.

The concessions which were disclosed yesterday did not come as any great surprise. The American plans to retain some cruise missiles withdrawn from Europe, for alternative use at sea, and to turn Pershing-2 ballistic missiles into lower-range Pershing-1s, always had the look of bargaining chips — which would be gambled away at the arms talks when the US negotiating team judged that the time was right.

The announcement has come however less than a week after the Soviet leader Mr Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to a global withdrawal of all intermediate-range nuclear forces — so abandoning his proposal to retain 100 of them in Soviet Asia. Together, the Russian and American concessions add up to a significant step towards realization of the so-called double-zero option.

It is in Bonn where the greatest apprehension lies and it is Bonn which still stands in the way of a treaty. This is because of two considerations which remain central to West German policy: Europe must not be denuclearized and West Germany must never be isolated.

Faced by the bulk of the Warsaw Pact forces and under permanent threat from most of the Soviet short range missiles — which are not included in the present negotiations — Germany sees itself as the front line state of Nato. This is why Bonn still insists on retaining its 72 Pershing-1A nuclear missiles — despite no less determined pressure from Moscow that they should go. This has now resolved into the single most important issue in the way of a treaty this autumn.

The Russians object not so much to the

missiles themselves but to that of their American-owned and controlled nuclear warheads. Without them, however, the missiles, which have no secondary conventional warhead capability, would be completely useless. The whole system is anyway due to be phased out within three years — before any treaty could be fully implemented anyway. Why then the fuss?

Two fundamental points are at issue. The first is the right to modernize them. In 1983 at Montebello, Nato's defence ministers decided to reduce the allied nuclear stockpiles in Europe and, at the same time, to modernize them. This included substituting modern versions for the old Lance and Pershing 1A missiles. The principle of this modernization is at the heart of Nato's basic strategy of flexible response. Although the right to modernize cannot, therefore, come into question a compromise on a replacement for Pershing 1A is possible however, perhaps by reducing its range.

The second problem is more difficult because it involves the principle of excluding "third country systems", such as the nuclear forces of Britain and France, from bilateral American-Soviet negotiations. (The Americans supplied the Pershing 1A warheads under what is termed "existing co-operative arrangements"). If the Americans were to accept the Russian argument now, they would open a Pandora's box of complications whereby nuclear systems of other nations could be tied into their future negotiations.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is therefore right in asserting that the Pershings are not a German question but one for the alliance as a whole. In spite of the recent powerful Soviet propaganda campaign on the subject, a solution will almost certainly be found.

The progress of the arms talks in the last two weeks and the momentum which is clearly being built up in both Moscow and Washington will not be permanently brooked by an issue of this kind. Real doubts about the benefit to Europe of the double-zero option remain. A small 100-missile intermediate nuclear force on each side would still offer better security. But it looks increasingly now as though there is no turning back.

SRI LANKA'S CHANCE FOR PEACE

Today in Colombo President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka is due to sign an agreement with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, which should, in theory, haul his troubled island from the brink of civil war. But he does so after riots in which at least 18 people have died and after the controversial deal has been rejected by extremists on both sides on Sri Lanka's ethnic divide. Can it work?

On the face of it, the signs are not propitious. The Tamil Tigers, who have been responsible for some of the worst terrorist atrocities of the last few years, have denounced the deal as a "stab in the back", despite attempts by Mr Gandhi to win them over during three days of talks in Delhi. Meanwhile Buddhist monks, who led riots against the pact among the Sinhalese majority, have attacked its terms as "bogus" and have objected to Delhi's interference in their country's internal affairs.

Jayewardene could never, of course, have seriously hoped to please extremists on both sides at the same time. He could hardly have expected to satisfy even one of them. On the credit side last night, moderate Tamils welcomed the peace plan. The president will need all the support he can get from all moderate elements if he and Rajiv Gandhi are to have a chance of returning Sri Lanka to normality.

The Indian Government has encouraged the Tamils to give up their claim to an independent part of the island — the "homeland" which they call Eelam — in return for an effective devolution of power by Colombo to a Tamil province. Under persuasion from Delhi, the Sri Lankan Government has agreed to hand down significant control over issues such as law and order and land settlement. With its own elected legislature, Cabinet and chief minister and an appointed governor to represent the President, the new governmental

structure in the province would mirror in some respects the structure of authority in India's 24 states.

The Colombo Government was initially not prepared to see this Tamil region encompass more than the present northern province of the island. The Tamils were prepared to accept nothing less than a merger of the northern and eastern provinces. They claimed that the two together constituted Eelam. If they were to give up that ideal they must at least have a single united province.

The deadlock was broken when President Jayewardene told the Indian High Commissioner in Colombo that his government was prepared to give way. By merging the northern and eastern provinces into a single unit, it was ready to meet the outstanding Tamil demand.

One can only guess at the reasons why the President decided on his final concessions. When the Indian Air Force took to dropping relief supplies over Jaffna from the air, it may have become clear to President Jayewardene and the Sri Lankan people that they would have to give way — or live with Delhi's continuing hostility. If this is the case, then India's high-handed invasion of Sri Lankan sovereignty may have unexpectedly borne fruit. Mr Gandhi could hardly have predicted that this would be the result. But it would be churlish to deny him some of the credit.

The major share, however, must go to President Jayewardene, who has shown great conviction and courage in accepting a difficult solution to what has looked like an impossible problem. He now deserves international support as he faces up to the wrath of extremists at home. It must be hoped that he has the courage and strength to withstand this onslaught, because Sri Lanka now has a chance of peace which may not easily be repeated.

BEHIND THE WALLS

Earlier this year we asked boards of prison visitors around the country to supply us with their latest reports on prison conditions. Some agreed — and their findings contributed to the disturbing article which we published on Monday. Others did not — which we regret. The debate over the solution to the overcrowding problems in British prisons is a contentious one. It is not made easier by unnecessary secrecy. The visitors' reports ought to be made public as a matter of course.

Currently the Home Office has guidelines for the amount of information in the reports which can be made public. But they are too restrictive. What the public should know — and what we were able to publish — is the raw material of the boards' findings.

It is not that officialdom strives to keep those findings completely secret, since some boards report that the Home Office encourages them to cultivate good relations with the press and to give extracts from the annual report. It is simply that the authorities do not go out of their way to ensure that the visitors' more vivid impressions are made known to the public on whose behalf the visits are being made.

The reports do not uniformly describe a world of violence and darkness. We saw reports which included signs of hope. For example, Low Newton Remand Centre's board of visitors spoke of the centre receiving "a sizeable percentage of young people who are almost totally illiterate" and was able to praise the prison's education staff for "reversing this lamentable situation".

Elsewhere, the story was the familiar, darker one of overcrowding, ill-discipline and of drugs having long since replaced tobacco as the

unofficial currency among many prisoners — with "drug barons" instead of the "baccy barons" of the old days. Prison officers have been saying such things for a long time.

Coming from the prison officers, it could always be depicted as special pleading. The prisoners were also said to be understaffed. But the prison officers could always be seen as having a vested interest in saying so, since the only sure way to increase staff is to increase the pay. Here, however, were the disinterested prison visitors confirming the prison officers' claims — another example of the benefits of disclosure.

"Security" is one of the reasons advanced for non-publication. But most of these reports deal with the general rather than the particular. Names and special details could, in certain cases, be withheld.

As to the wider issues involved in the state of affairs revealed by the reports, the Government — with its prison building programme and better pay for prison officers — is at last getting to grips with them. The reason why governments do not build enough prisons — while at the same time sending more and more prisoners to them — is partly political. Like mental patients — another traditionally neglected group — prisoners do not have votes. Their victims and potential victims do.

So prisoners come low on any government's list of those in need. At the same time, treatment of prisoners is one of the generally accepted yardsticks by which a society is judged. That treatment must be neither too harsh nor too lenient. Prisons thus pose genuine dilemmas for any government, which is all the more reason why as much should be known about them as possible.

Confusion over VAT zero option

From Mr David J. Beakhurst
Sir, Lord Denning is obviously a strong supporter of our Parliament's right to levy a zero rate of VAT if it so wishes (article, July 22) but in his eagerness for the cause of the sovereignty of Parliament, a cause with which I must agree, he confuses zero-rating with exemption. The media do this often enough without his no doubt inadvertent assistance.

At the end of the chain from raw material producer through manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer sits the consumer. He pays the whole of the tax accounted for down the chain, no more and no less. This being the object of the exercise, he is exempt, not from paying the tax of course, but from registering and accounting to the Excise for it and therefore from reclaiming any part of it.

If the VAT rate is zero then the whole sum collected from the consumer by the Excise is zero; VAT paid by the traders in the chain of supply is ultimately repaid in full. On the other hand, the provider of an exempt service, like an ordinary consumer, can reclaim nothing despite having had to pay VAT on many of his outgoings. The only way in which he can recoup this tax is to raise his prices to consumers and VAT-registered traders alike.

Thus zero-rating and exemption are really quite dissimilar. The zero-rate supply is still accountable, allowing the European Commission to claim from the Government a sum equal to the yield of a value-added tax of such-and-such per cent. The exempt supply is not accountable and so the "value added" in the hands of the exempt supplier not only goes untaxed but cannot form part of the basis for paying the costs of the EEC.

In short, zero-rating offers the lowest prices to consumers of essential items, without depriving the EEC of anything; exemption on the other hand not only raises prices but reduces the base on which a VAT-based EEC levy can be raised.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BEAKHURST,
6 Queens Acre,
Chesham, Surrey.

From the President of the European Parliament
Sir, It is perhaps small wonder that people are getting a bit confused about the question of VAT.

There are two separate issues. One is the question of approximating the rates of VAT into two permitted bands throughout the EEC. This would cut down on all the expensive and time-consuming

ing bureaucracy and red tape for goods crossing national borders. The other is the question of harmonising the tax base so as to avoid the annual punch-up between European governments in their discussions about the national harmonised base.

Linked to both questions is the notion of putting VAT on food. Whatever the European Commission may propose, it is quite clear that the British Government will not agree to levy VAT on food. However, we should all be very clear about one thing: the EEC would not get any more money from the British taxpayer if VAT was put on food; in fact quite the reverse — the UK's net contribution to the EC budget would actually go down as a result.

Only the British Government would profit if VAT was levied on food. The Commission would just have less paperwork to do; this is at least part of their incentive. The European Parliament is also very suspicious of the proposals, and its economic committee has already indicated that abolishing the zero rate is politically unacceptable. I suspect that if the zero rate was to be brought into the lower tax band we might have several difficult (and unnecessary) political problems solved at once.

I hope this may clear up some of the confusion which will have been created by Lord Denning's article.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY PLUMB, President,
European Parliament,
UK Information Office,
2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1,
July 22.

From Mr R. Stansfield
Sir, Lord Denning sets out the case in his usual masterly fashion. He is of course right. However, I humbly beg to pull him up over one sentence. He says: "I am quite sure that when we entered the European Community, no one ever thought that we were giving the European Court of Justice power to declare invalid our Acts of Parliament."

Surely, the whole thrust of the case against our joining the EEC was centred on the matter of the sovereignty of Parliament. It is true that "the people of England are better versed in legal matters than the European Commission realizes". During the referendum campaign we were bamboozled not by the law but by economics, a subject which no one understands. Yours faithfully,
R. STANSFIELD,
21 Cromford Courts,
Withy Grove, Manchester 4.

Damaged cartoon

From Dr Julius Grant
Sir, The vicissitudes of the Leonardo cartoon damaged recently (report, July 22), started long before its acquisition by the National Gallery from the Royal Academy in 1962, because it was, even then, in a patched condition. Then the cartoon was mounted on a wooden board and where the original paper had become worn or destroyed in places (mostly edges) it had been "patched" with other paper, not particularly skilfully.

I was invited to "date" the patching paper — a rather daunting problem because the fragments were very small and the board mount prevented the use of transmitted light. However, microscopic examination of the fibres showed that the patching paper had been prepared in a stamping mill — which preceded the mechanical method invented in about 1760.

I was provided with a horizontal "scaffolding" which enabled me to

crawl over and close to the surface, and so to view the paper fragments microscopically. As common at the time, this paper had a "laid" design, i.e., parallel watermark lines in two directions at right angles, one more widely spaced than the other; and I was able to measure the thicknesses and distances apart of some of the lines, thus obtaining four dimensions to guide me.

I studied some 5,000 watermarked papers in the British Museum and other collections (not such a stupendous task as it may seem, as many could be rejected at a glance), and was fortunate enough to find one paper only which matched — namely from Florence, dated about 1668.

This, apparently, was at least consistent with the known history of the cartoon. Yours faithfully,
JULIUS GRANT,
Hebner & Cox Ltd,
The Laboratories,
107 Finchchurch Street, EC3,
July 23.

Visas for Iranians

From Miss Karen L. Sturtivant
Sir, In your second leader today (July 21) you state

... an unknown number of Iranians hold multiple visas, which allow them to come and go here almost at will — for a period of several years. The Government should consider the cancellation of such documents. This would at least ensure that no Iranian enters this country without making a new application — and subjecting himself to fresh scrutiny.

A visa is not usually a document that has the form of an endorsement in a passport, and it is incorrect to state that a multiple visa allows the holder to come and go at will for a period of several years.

Most Iranians come on single entry visit visas, useable within three months of date of issue. Those with some track record of not abusing immigration control may in some cases be given a

double entry facility. Those who can prove a need to visit frequently for business may be given a multiple entry visa useable over a period of 12 months.

Those who have become settled in this country under our immigration laws can be given multiple entry re-entry visas useable for two years, but this is the maximum available.

Thus no Iranian at present holds a valid UK visa issued more than two years ago, and no non-resident Iranian holds one issued more than one year ago. Moreover, a visa is not a guarantee of entry, and immigration officers have the power of refusal if not satisfied that a person is eligible for entry, which includes those suspected of not being what or who they claim to be. Yours faithfully,
KAREN STURTIVANT,
17 Bulstrode Street, W1.

Nacro policies

From the Chairman of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
Sir, Bernard Levin ("There's just no escape", June 29) criticises a letter written by a Nacro employee to Keith London Associates (KLA), a company which organises management and training courses.

Mr Levin describes at length the recruitment policy of KLA, the gender breakdown of students on its courses, its attitude to South Africa and its response to an appeal for handicapped people launched by Rolf Harris.

All of this may be highly commendable; but it is irrelevant to the central point made in the letter to which Mr Levin takes exception. This was concerned solely with the predominantly white male inmates contained in certain items of the firm's pub-

licity material, and the impression of the company given by these.

In common with many organisations in the public and private sectors, Nacro seeks to provide training which reflects a world where women and black people can be equally treated. It has therefore made a point of declining to use the services of training organisations whose publicity material does not clearly reflect this stance. Some organisations to which Nacro has written to this effect have readily responded.

I cannot therefore see that Mr Levin has made any case for the apology by Nacro which he suggests. On the contrary, Nacro has every intention of continuing its efforts to promote equal opportunities. Yours faithfully,
TONY CHRISTOPHER,
Chairman,
Nacro,
169 Clapham Road, SW9.

Implications of the Archer case

From Mr R. K. D. Shah
Sir, The greatest lesson (leading article, today) that the popular press might learn from the Archer case surely is that it cannot operate in a moral vacuum?

The instigator of the "story", according to the evidence given at the trial, was paradoxically a rich socialist playboy solicitor and former television presenter with journalistic ambitions who made no secret of his own penchant for prostitutes but who objected to Mr Archer's single supposed act of sexual adventure in bizarre circumstances and who then systematically went about exposing "the scandal" as he saw it.

Had a greater sense of moral evaluation prevailed in Fleet Street, however, the story would never have been allowed to surface. Yours truly,
RAMNIK SHAH,
Wayne & Co (Solicitors),
5 Laings Corner,
London Road,
Mitcham, Surrey,
July 25.

From Miss Frances M. Pilkington
Sir, I write to express my delight and satisfaction in the outcome of the Archer case and know that my feelings are shared by many people in this country.

Over the past decade and longer I have been shocked by the lengths to which the press have gone to secure what they mistakenly designate as "news". There was a time when the word news was just a description of the details provided in our national newspapers. But today, news usually leads to some horror story or some public scandal.

I have been appalled by the treatment meted out by the press to people suffering from bereavement or injury. They are subjected to ruthless and indecent questions as to their feelings, etc, at a time when all they need is quiet to recover from shock. We have heard much about the so-called "liberties of the press". But it would appear that liberties have become licence and it would seem that new laws are needed to protect the public from these abuses.

Privileges can be granted, but they can also be taken away and it seems that the press may have to be restricted in future so that the citizens of this country can pursue their lives in freedom from unprincipled false attacks. I remain, yours truly,
FRANCES M. PILKINGTON,
Brooklands,
Nettlebridge,
Oakhill, Nr Bath, Somerset.

NHS drug bill

From Professor Sir John Butterfield
Sir, Isn't mass communication complex? The headline to your article (July 20) on the Office of Health Economics (OHE) report, "Costs and benefits of Pharmaceutical Research", based on a seminar held jointly by the DHSS and OHE in March, reads, "Doubts on whether NHS high drug bill improves health."

What was in doubt at that seminar was the extent to which pharmaceutical research at £500 million a year will pay off in the future. As a prescriber and user of medicines like those taken for diabetes and high blood pressure by many grateful people, one was hoping the pharmaceutical companies would get more credit for facing up to this question.

Despite overseas trading successes (a balance of £853 million a year) and greater strings for better products in terms of quality of life as well as efficacy, they are still the whipping boys. And that despite the fact that our medicines are among the cheapest per head in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BUTTERFIELD,
Cambridge University School of Clinical Medicine,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Hills Road, Cambridge.

Heavenly bodies

From Dr Garry E. Hunt
Sir, In Bernard Levin's excellent article, "Most heavenly of bodies" (July 21), he raises the issue of the name for the tenth planet, should it be present. This is not such a trifling matter to be left to NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), or to the whim of any individual.

The International Astronomical Union are responsible for the naming of any new object in the solar system and specific features on the surfaces of planets and satellites from recommendations made by an international working group of this commission. It is essential to have this official name system to prevent any confusion.

Every attempt is made to follow classical patterns, with mythological names for the planets. There was almost a problem after Herschel's discovery of the seventh planet in 1781. Many names were suggested, including Georgium Sidus after his patron, George III, before the name Uranus was formally adopted in 1850. So we nearly had a planet called George.

We will therefore make a note of Ronnie and Marilyn, as possible names for suitable solar system objects. Yours faithfully,
GARRY E. HUNT (President,
Commission on Planets and Satellites, International Astronomical Union),
Elbury,
37 Blenheim Road,
Raynes Park, SW20.

From Mr Oscar A. Beuselinck
Sir, Speedy trials: actors cannot get them; bishops cannot get them; solicitors cannot get them, usually — what makes politicians, even those not members of Parliament, able to jump the queue?

For some while past I have thought the Masters of the Supreme Court and, indeed, judges who permit this give politicians an inflated idea of their importance.

We are all equal before the law — nearly.

Yours faithfully,
OSCAR A. BEUSELINCK,
10 Soho Square, W1,
July 27.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 28 1919
What to do with the leaders of a defeated enemy was as little an issue in 1919 as it had been 104 years previously. Both the vanquished ended their days in exile. Napoleon on St Helena in 1821, the Kaiser at Doorn in The Netherlands in 1941.

INTERVIEW WITH HINDENBURG.

PLEA FOR THE KAISER.
"GERMANY WILL RISE AGAIN."
(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW YORK, July 27.

The following dispatch, issued by Mr Karl von Wiegand, sent from Hanover on Friday, appears in the New York Sun—
According to Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, the Allied demand for the trial of the ex-Kaiser and the German Army leaders and other officers by Allied tribunals will, if carried out, not only violate sovereignty and do violence to the most fundamental principles of international law, but re-establish the ancient Roman precedent that political duty and the defence of one's country constitute a crime for the defeated in war.

These views were expressed to me today by the former head of the German General Staff and the chief military adviser of the Kaiser during the last two years of the war.

"But Mr Lloyd George declares that it should be done as an example to the future," I persisted.

"That is what the ancient Romans said (replied Hindenburg). The Romans dragged the kings and leaders of the defeated armies behind their triumphal chariots as an 'example' to others. History will answer whether such 'examples' ever put an end to wars or even lessened them. Mr Lloyd George has the thoughts of a reincarnated Roman Emperor. He would drag the Kaiser, the German Army, and Germany's political leaders behind the British chariot to increase his own popularity. He would make a Roman show in London or some other city to add to British prestige by exhibiting and judging Germany as a proof of British power. He thinks perhaps by this means to terrify 60 millions of Germans even into the third generation.

Mr Lloyd George is mistaken. Instead he will implant the most implacable hatred, a hatred that can give no assurances to promise a permanent peace for the world...

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

July 27, 1915.
Sir,— The letter which has appeared in the French papers, as having been addressed by NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE (sic) to the Prince Regent of ENGLAND, is said to be a pretty accurate copy of that which was actually transmitted to His Royal Highness; but whether genuine or not, it may be considered as a sort of political manoeuvre by himself or his adherents, to ward off that punishment to which he is so justly liable. He is a mere rebel; it is his business, and that of his adherents, to represent him as a Sovereign Prince. His life is forfeited: it is their business to represent it as inviolable. Some surprise has been expressed, that this document should have first appeared in a French journal. It is a part of the scheme that he should be thought, in France, to have voluntarily confided himself to the generosity of the PRINCE REGENT. The subtle knives, with whom this scheme was concerted, and some of whom I suspect to be members of the present French Ministry, have not the least expectation that his Royal Highness will be duped enough to treat BUONAPARTE as the French Monarch and "THEMISTOCLES", but they know, that by holding a high tone, they will at least deceive their ignorant countrymen; and the whole system of imposture will be, as the painters say, in due keeping and harmony...
I am, Sir, your obedient servant.
PROBUS.

This is your husband (for a week)

What made the laird's lady leave her Lothian high life to join the fast lane in London, forsaking husband, horses, children and ancestral pile to share a one-bedroomed flat in Notting Hill with a strange man? *Harpers & Queen*, the glossy magazine with a predilection for life-swap stories.

The idea was that two very different women would spend a week living each other's lives and cohabiting with each other's husbands in order to report on their experiences in the August issue of the magazine. There were only two rules: each had to give a dinner party for the other's friends and their wifely duties were to stop most emphatically at the bedroom door.

Celia Lyttelton took the high road to the Lothians and Patricia More Nisbett travelled the low road to London, finding common ground in the middle ground more difficult than either of them had imagined.

On reflection, Patricia says she wishes that, as she was going to Notting Hill, she had spent the week with a Rastafarian family, and Celia muses that it might have been more exciting to step into the shoes of a Saudi Arabian princess.

"Numerous couples were approached," Alan More Nisbett observes. "But we were the only ones willing to do it." He is the laird of Drum, a splendid Palladian house near Edinburgh; and he runs a skip-bire business. Hundreds of miles away in his one-bedroomed flat in London, Andrew Rae, a lecturer in mathematics at Brunel University and Celia Lyttelton's adoring husband, confirms Alan's shrewd suspicions. "We understand they tried about 20 couples — but although people thought it was a jolly idea, nobody was quite up to it when the time came."

Both Rae and More Nisbetts use words like "jolly" and "chums" a lot, and on the surface seem similar sorts of people who might well mix in society without creating a major comedy of manners. But that just shows how wrong

Two bold women exchanged homes — and husbands.

Victoria McKee hears swap stories

one can be. (They also say "one" a lot.) There was both a generation gap and a culture shock," Celia says. "I would turn up at the polo match wearing a mini skirt when they were all in their Huskies." She is 26, an artist, gallery owner, writer and self-confessed social butterfly. Patricia is 43, just like Celia's husband Andrew, and Alan is 47.

Life at Drum, William Adam's architectural masterpiece was not quite as Celia had expected. "I'm used to being very active in an intellectual sort of way," she complains. "There, it was all sort of physical. I had to go and clean out the bathrooms of the properties Patricia lets out in Edinburgh — a job she would do. I'm hardly used to cleaning things out at home." (Patricia runs her own property company.)

Celia was baffled by the formality and by the need to roll up her sleeves and "muck in with the chores." It was black tie and tiaras, or at least important jewels, at dinner, but no butler. "I had to set the table and wash the 200-year-old glasses, and had to run miles up and down the stairs to the kitchen during the dinner party," she marvels. "I found that very strange." The upstairs-downstairs life was alien to Celia — although not in the way you might think.

Alan and Patricia had a very chummy relationship with their servants. "Celia says with a frown. 'Having to talk to them as if they were friends was rather a strain. Sheila, the nanny, would come in and say [here she adopts a credible Scottish brogue]: 'D'ye knoo how many napkins I've had to starch today?' and Alan would have to commiserate with her. I think that if you have servants, you should keep them behind the green baize door."

Pompous pronouncements, you might think, from the inhabitant of a two-roomed flat, but Celia Lyttelton is the granddaughter of the first Viscount Chandos and spent a considerable part of her childhood living with her grandparents at Trafalgar House, their impos-



Jolly glad to be home: Patricia More Nisbett with Alan and the children

ing country home in Wiltshire. "When we had a nanny, she certainly never ate with us," Celia remembers. "She left me lists of things to do." Patricia says loftily. "But I left her the house and its people, so no lists were necessary." Then, of course, there were the More Nisbett children: Charles, Alexander and William, aged from two to seven years, and not shy about making their presence known.

Patricia and Alan seemed surprised that Celia, who has no children of her own, had any difficulty in getting to grips with their boisterous boys. Celia had been

bold enough to take them swimming to the municipal baths — I wondered uncharitably whether the top of her swimsuit had really taken the plunge accidentally (causing Alexander to shriek loudly. "Why are your bottoms so wobbly?") or been helped on its way by forces more mischievous than gravity. "They were infuriating," Celia finally confesses, after many protestations about how much she liked the little boys.

"The one time I had to put them to bed, I must admit I really *almost* lost my temper with them. They all screamed and said 'I hate you'."



Back in the swing: Celia Lyttelton and her husband Andrew in their flat

"Celia was boring," Alexander says. "Not like Mummy." Patricia smiles indulgently at her brood around the long kitchen table, as one lurches over and loudly spits out his lamb chop, while another does disgusting things with the biscuits meant for the golfing guests' cheese. "Really, Celia didn't have to do much with the children. I never would have left them without a nanny in charge." She missed them terribly, she admits, although she had no qualms about leaving either the boys or her handsome husband to the ministrations of a young blonde stranger. Both the women are adamant on that point, although Alan, in particular, came in for a good deal of ribbing.

6 Their friends were older and stuffer and much more conventional than ours?

"Their friends were older and stuffer and much more conventional than ours," Celia confides. She found it annoying to have to follow the archaic custom of leading the ladies to retire while the gentlemen sipped port.

In Notting Hill, Patricia entertained Celia's friends on Andrew's bargain buys from Oddbins, poached salmon (cooked by Andrew), new potatoes and salads followed by strawberries and cream.

At Drum, Celia insists (in the teeth of heated denials by Alan and Patricia) the potatoes ran out and the cups did not exactly run over with Scottish hospitality. The dinner-party menu was: cock-tails, mushroom vol-au-vents, pheasant casserole, boiled potatoes, broccoli, chocolate mousse and apricots in brandy, washed down with Caronde St Gemme 1979.

"I can still hear Andrew putting the glasses by the sink and then getting up three hours later when the alarm went off for the school run at 6.55am," Celia shudders. Alan, who had evacuated to the nursery wing, would bring her a cup

of instant coffee — but she missed her cappuccino machine and late lie-ins at home. Just as Patricia longed for a full-length mirror and a sharp knife in the kitchen. "And do you know," I never once saw Andrew in anything less than his shirt and trousers?" Patricia said. (Andrew slept on the sofa during her stay.) "At country house parties, one runs around in much less than that," Alan reflects. "Come to think of it, I really never got to know Celia very well. I don't think we had a chance to talk alone except for about 15 minutes in the car on the way back from a dinner party."

Celia, who favours contemporary artists, is disparaging about the artistic taste of the Scottish contingent. "Their friends would say, 'What do you do?' and I'd say, 'I run a gallery in London.' Then they'd say, 'Got any good pictures of horses? Can you draw a whippet?' Not that ghastly modern art."

"I collect Primitives," says Patricia, "and I'm afraid if I had taken over Celia's gallery for longer it would have been very different at the end of it. I don't know how much she knows about art — I was amazed at how young and gauche she seemed. Do you know she didn't even notice the Augustus John right over our kitchen table?"

I mentioned the Augustus John to Celia and she looked blank — then worried. "No, I didn't see it. Where do you say it was? Over the kitchen table? How funny."

Both women feel that their swap was not as challenging as it might have been. But they both lost a tremendous amount of weight during the week — "through living on our nerves," they speculate. And at least they should be able to dine out on their experience for years.

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Women in business

Jane Skinner, founder of the Women's Enterprise Development Agency, has just returned from a fact-finding mission to America. There, she says, "businesswomen are far better attuned to each other's needs. There's even an organization called Women in Corporate Philanthropy, which 'leveraged' \$4 million last year for women's business projects; we could do with a similar group here."

Launched in April, sponsored by National Westminster Bank (but seeking philanthropic assistance), her agency aims to promote the idea of starting a small business, or becoming self-employed, and to improve relations between women and the financial sector. "At present, women only make up 7 per cent of the independent workforce, yet we're mentally better equipped for self-employment — used to juggling." "Micro-businesses," she explains, are particularly appropriate: potentially lucrative part-time, small businesses (such as catering and similar services), or manufacturing specialist goods. More information about WEDA is available

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Home help

Frocks on the Box was designed to take care of our wardrobe, the logical progression, so it dawned on globe-trotter Judith Chalmer, was to shine the track light on our houses. The Home Service starts tonight

at 8pm on Channel 4. The menu for the eight-week series includes lighting, timber-frame houses, colour schemes, an interview with Sir Terence Conran, and a competition to design your own in-house retreat. "It's not all Designers Guild and Laura Ashley," she insists. "But there's no Blue Peter-style DIY stuff either." It has also proved to be one of Miss Chalmer's more expensive flashes of inspiration: "Now I'm casting a hyper-critical eye over my own interior; in fact, I'm going to have to start from scratch."

Stepping out

"Many people don't want to jump up and down," observed Jane Fonda, discussing the fall from favour of "going for the bars." But she came up with a solution — Jane Fonda's Workout Tape, two audio-cassettes for women to slip into their Walkmans, featuring jazz, classical, pop and marching music. Each cassette offers two half-hour programmes, one half-hour walk, warm-up and cool-down exercises, and offers walkers verbal encouragement and a time-check on how long they've been on the road. The tape will be available here later this year.

Josephine Fairley

Teaching the tutor

FIRST PERSON

Meg Weston Smith

A stone's throw from the rich marble plaza of the Metropolitan Opera House stands one of New York's worst public schools, Martin Luther King. After seeing an advertisement for volunteers to help students on a one-to-one basis, I worked there as a tutor in mathematics, off and on, over a period of two years. The school is a fortress with no windows at ground level. On my first day I entered through heavy steel doors and came upon the security guard, who signed me in and issued me with a pass. Armed guards, men and women, were stationed at strategic points. Although the school is co-ed, the main impression was of large mature boys, some with moustaches. I found myself acutely conscious of being different — white and British.

Martin Luther King was ranked among the bottom 10 per cent of schools in the State of New York in 1985. Furthermore, the survey of 6,000 schools carried out by the State Education Department found that 72 of the city's 110 high schools were — on the basis of reading, writing, maths skills and the drop-out rate — similarly classified.

In the city's municipal high schools, the absenteeism rate is about 40 per cent. The drop-out rate has improved recently from 35 per cent in 1985-86 to 31 per cent. However, add to these statistics the numbers of the homeless and undernourished and the picture becomes even more depressing. Schooling may easily become incidental in a student's struggle for survival in a city not noted for tolerance.

The School Volunteer Programme, designed to do something to remedy this sad situation, is extensive. It started more than 30 years ago and there are now about 5,000 volunteers in schools throughout the five city boroughs.

All new volunteers must attend one of the monthly training courses run by SVP. The course consists of four sessions and offers cohesion to the volunteers, who come in all ages, sexes and races, and from many backgrounds. We were told how SVP worked, updated on the social conditions in the city (12 per cent of students born out of wedlock, 134,000 abused children), and given a crash course in education — both on content and method. Then, without explanation or warning, we were placed in the position of students who find classroom life uncomfortable. We were given a talk and slide show, and then called on to answer various detailed questions. This and other techniques were very effective in inducing understanding and

I had a tiny insight into the darker side of Manhattan

lot of charm. They were generally well turned out, clean and polite. Often we battled away at simple fractions or percentages. Many of my pupils were struggling to pass the Regents Competency Test (set by the University of the State of New York). This was something a little higher in standard than the old 11-plus exam. They could retake it several times, even, I gathered, if it meant staying at school until they were 21.

At about 16 or so they apparently stopped fooling around in class and began to work. It was at this stage that students often wanted help. It seems that in class students rarely asked questions as they would lose face and be mocked by their peers. In the privacy of tutoring their pride was not at stake, they could clear up their misunderstandings. Best of all, they responded to individual attention.

And what did I get out of my experience? I liked the company of these young people. In spite of the uncertain future most of them face, their warmth and good humour was infectious. Also, when I took the cross-town bus from Madison Avenue over to the Martin Luther King, I was entering another world, and I

began to have a tiny insight into the darker side of Manhattan, where opulence and glitz are absent.

My chief reward was seeing that marvellous light of comprehension pass over a student's face when some piece of maths became clear and to hear those refreshing words: "I've never understood that before." Then Kelso or Shanine or Julio would ask: "Will you be here tomorrow?" Sadly, I won't.

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THEATRE LONDON

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilts among the gentry.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Square, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tue-Fri 7.45-10.15pm. Sat 8.15-10.45pm. Mat Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm. Sat 5-7.30pm. £5-11.50.

BARTHOLOMEW FAIR: Ben Jonson's comedy conjures up few laughs in this production.
Open Air Theatre, Inner Circle, Regents Park NW1 (01-486 2431). Tube: Regents Park/Baker Street. Tonight 7.45-10.15pm. 2.30-5pm, £4-10.

CIRCUS 02: Australian all-human circus, combining cabaret and comedy. A LIFT show.
The Big Top, Con Street SE1 (01-620 0613). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. £3-9.50.

COURT IN THE ACT: Gorgeous Gabrielle Drake alarms the denizens and dazzles Lee Montague in this genial 1912 farce.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-628 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri 8-10.20pm. Sat 8-10.50pm. Mat Thurs 3-6.20pm and Sat 2-7.20pm. £5-12.50.

CORPSE: Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twisty thriller of murder, money and identical twins.
Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 2600). Tube: Aldwych/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm. Mat Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm. £3.50-£15.50.

EVERYMAN IN HIS HUMOUR: Transfer of Ben Jonson play from last year's Stratford season. An RSC production.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm. Mat Thurs and Sat 2-5pm. £4.50-£12.50.

FLIGHT: Transfer from Stratford of David Lan's chronicle of a refugee Jewish family.
The Pit, Barbican Theatre, EC2 (01-638 6891). Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm. Mat Thurs and Sat 2pm. £7.50.

FOLIES: Southend's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julie McKenzie leading a starchy cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm. Mat Wed and Thurs 3-5.30pm. £10-£20.

KISS ME KATE: After its national tour the RSC production opens in town with Paul Jones and Nicola McAuliffe.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SW1 (01-228 7618). Tube: Waterloo. 7.30-10.30pm. £8-17.50.

LET US GO, THEN, YOU AND I: A celebration of the life and poetry of T. S. Eliot, with Eileen Atkins, Edward Fox and Michael Gough. Extended until August 1.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3886). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10pm. Sat 8.30-10.30pm. Mat Sat 5-7pm. £3.50-£11.50.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- (1) La Bamba, Los Lobos
- (2) Who's That Girl?, Madonna
- (3) Always, Atlantic Starr
- (4) It's a Sin, Pet Shop Boys
- (5) Alone, Heart
- (6) Under the Boardwalk, Bruce Willis
- (7) Love Train, Boogie Box
- (8) F.L.M., Mel & Kim
- (9) Just Don't Want To Be Lonely, Freddie Mcgregor
- (10) She's on It, Basille Boys

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (1) Hits 6, Various
- (2) Introducing The Hardline According To, Terence Trent D'Arby
- (3) Whitney, Whitney Houston
- (4) Who's That Girl?, Original Soundtrack, Various
- (5) The Joshua Tree, U2
- (6) Sixties Mix, Various
- (7) Invisible Touch, Genesis
- (8) The Return Of Bruno, Bruce Willis
- (9) Bad Animals, Heart
- (10) F.L.M., Mel & Kim

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OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: * *Miranda*: Ennoble Keith in another of her impish works, doing battle with developers.
Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). 7.30pm. £5.75-£11.50.

COVENTRY: * *Mystery Plays*: Adapted by Keith Miles and directed by Rob Bettinson, these medieval plays are performed every three years in the ruins of the Old Cathedral, or in the new one if it is raining.
Belgrave Theatre Box Office, Coventry (0203 553055). Mon-Sat 8.30pm. Mat Wed and Sat 2.30, £5.

Also on national release

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart.
Isabella Rossellini is the local alien, Dennis Hopper an inmate and Kyle MacLachlan a wholesome hero (120 min).
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.25, 4.45, 8.55, 11.15. £4.50-£11.50.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf students, emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-630 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

CHRONICLE OF A DEATH FORETOLD (15): Rupert Everett plays a languid mystery man, newly married to a local beauty who sets off a chain of events.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55.

EVIL DEAD II (18): A revised edition of the original in which demons attack all who cross the threshold of a remote cabin. With Bruce Campbell and Sarah Berry. Directed by Sam Raimi.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55.

UP ON THE ROOF: Three steps down memory lane - 1975, 1980, 1985 - as five students lead the ups, downs and cap-cups of adult life. Clever performances.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-437 3886). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm. Mat Thurs and Sat 5-7.45pm. £4-12.50.

FILMS

LONG RUNNERS: * *The Business* (1987): A comedy about the business of the film industry. Directed by John Dahl.
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THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): A horror film about a man who opens a shop in a haunted house. Directed by John Dahl.
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The logic behind the Hungarian Connection, which forms part of the National Museum of Photography's first biennale, was suggested by Colin Fack, the curator, by the late Andrzej Kertész back in 1977. Several of the 20th century's greatest photographers were Hungarian - Laci Aigner, Brassai, Robert Capa, Munkacsy and Kertész himself - all of whom were committed photo-journalists. It was an extraordinary flowering of talent; and yet so much talent was not recognised. During the Great War, many fascinating photographs were taken by Hungarian soldiers, who submitted their work to the early picture magazine *Erkészt Ujsag* as entries in a competition. Indeed Kertész, who served in the Austro-Hungarian army, had his first photographs published in this magazine in 1917. János Mallner (whose photograph, 'Aunt's Egg', is shown above) was never a soldier, and his collective work has not before been seen in the West. He was one of Ford's most exciting discoveries, made while researching the exhibition in Budapest. Maller, who died in 1925, paralleled life in the city during and after the war, taking pictures with a style of photography best summed up by Kertész's now well-known dictum, 'little happenings'. Alongside this historical glimpse of Hungarian life is the work of 10 Hungarian contemporaries, demonstrating that photo-journalism and documentary continues to be the essential core of 20th century Hungarian photography. The Hungarian Connection is at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Prince's View, Bradford (0274 727488), Tues-Sun 11am-7.30pm, free, until October 11. Michael Young.

the easily offended (105 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55.

PLATOON (15): Oliver Stone's intense anti-war drama which scooped four Oscars. With Willem Dafoe and Tom Berenger as sergeants at loggerheads in Vietnam (120 min).
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LE RUE: Led by the Le Rue brothers Pierre (middle) and Philippe (right), most of this group from New Mexico via San Francisco have worked in Cuban bars in Tampa. They play a lively, if sometimes awkward calypso/funk fusion which they call 'pocoyo'.
Duchess of York, 71 Vicar Lane, Leeds (0532 459929) 8pm, £1.

JAZZ

RUSY BRAFF: Bruff's cornet, unmatched in lyrical beauty, meets Scott Hemmison's tenor saxophone in a mainstream jazz quartet.
Plaza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722). 9.30pm, £8.50.

ARCHIE SHEPP: The angry young saxophonist of the 1960s nowdays opts for the calmer waters of a post-bop quartet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Fifth Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). 9.30pm, £8 (2 members).

WELTER/SPRING: Driving modern jazz from a quartet co-led by the expansive saxophonist Don Weather and the crisp drummer Bryan Spring.
Base Club, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476). 8.45pm, £3.50.

LA FILLE MAL GARDEE: Frederick Ashton's sunny, romantic comedy for the Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Battersea Park, London SW11. Booking until 5pm. Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, (01-240 1068). At doors one hour before performance. 7.30-9.30pm, mat 2.30-4.45pm. £2-£14.

COPPELLA: Rudolf Nureyev, Lucia Truglia and Alexander Grant lead the cast in London Festival Ballet's production.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191). 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£15.50.

PAQUITA: Advanced students and recent graduates of the Bolshoi Ballet School in Moscow give this otherworldly production.
London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10pm, £5-£22.50.

SIGNALS: Merce Cunningham Dance Company gives this interesting 1970 revival with the original *Grange Five* and *Choreographs*.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 6916). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

GALLERIES

THE UNPAINTED LANDSCAPE: 15 leading artists, including Andy Goldsworthy and Richard Long, exhibit their response to the Scottish landscape in media other than paint.
Royal College of Art, Whitechapel, London E1 (01-753 5568). 11.10-5.00pm, free.

THE REAL SOUNDSCAPE: A touring show examining the relationship between two professional artists and the native landscape of Scotland.
Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Dumbarton, Scotland. 10.30-12.30pm and 1-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 2.

ALFRED WALLIS, CHRISTOPHER WOOD AND BEN NICHOLSON: A touring show examining the relationship between two professional artists and the native landscape of Scotland.
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FENWICK LAWSON: Wood, carver on religious and secular themes by a powerful figurative carver.
York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York YO1 1EP. Mon-Sat 9.30-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until August 8.

ARTIST'S CHOICE: Prints by an artist cast of 48 artists who have donated their work in aid of the Royal College of Art's Printmaking Department archive.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-845 5020). Mon-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until September 2.

20th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION: Mixed show of gallery artists including nearly all of the new school of British sculpture - Wainwright, Woodrow, Deacon, Cragg, Opie etc.
Lisson Gallery, 69 Bell Street, London NW1 (01-724 2789). Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until September 18.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: By J.R. Priestley.
Royal Court Theatre, 11 St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-439 8722). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

THE AWAKENING: A comedy.
Royal Court Theatre, 11 St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-439 8722). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

SERIOUS MONEY: A comedy.
Royal Court Theatre, 11 St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-439 8722). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY BURNAY: A painting.
Royal Court Theatre, 11 St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-439 8722). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

WALKS

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS - POOR ALLEYS AND WEALTHY MEETS: St Paul's, 11am, £1.

JEWISH EAST END - ROOTS IN THE EAST: Jewish Museum, 11am, £3.

ARTISTIC LITERARY AND HISTORICAL HAMPTHEAD: meet Hampton, 10.30am and 1.30pm, £1.25.

MEDIEVAL CANTERBURY: meet Longmarket Tourist Information, 10.30am and 1.30pm, £1.25.

LONDON'S HIDDEN VILLAGE - CLARENCE: meet Clarendon Heritage Centre, 3 St John's Square, EC1, 2pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

GREAT WESTON AIR DAYS: The day of a two-day show. Stalls, displays, arena, children's and flying programmes, 10am-5pm, 10am-5pm, adult £1 child 50p (all proceeds to charity).

RE-ENACTMENT - KNIGHTS OF THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: The Marcher Lords demonstrate archery, cavalry skills, weapons and contemporary music. Light refreshments available.
Lancaster City Centre, Lancaster, Cornwall (0586 2365). 2.30pm. 5.30pm and 7.30-10.30pm, adult £1.50 child 50p.

NATIONAL TRUST EVENT: A concert designed to demonstrate ancient and modern music. Collection, with music by Byrd and Handel on harpsichords.
Farnham House, Farnham, Surrey (01253 3471). 8pm. £4 including a tour of the house. Check availability.

PROVINCIAL BOOKSELLERS' FAIR: Antiquarian and second-hand books, maps and prints for sale.
Cambridge Book Fair, Cambridge, 10am-5pm, 20p.

ALDERBURY MINI YOUTH FESTIVAL: The Northern Junior Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Edgar Howarth, play music by Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and others.
Aldersbury, Wiltshire, 10am-5pm, 20p.

WISH YOU WERE HERE: Artists for 1988 season include Nigel Kennedy, Anne-Marie Niles, National Opera, BBC Welsh Symphony, and Warsaw and London Philharmonic Orchestras.
St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 572266). 0222 572266.

THE QUEEN OF SPADES: A touring show examining the relationship between two professional artists and the native landscape of Scotland.
Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Dumbarton, Scotland. 10.30-12.30pm and 1-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 2.

UNDER SALT: Exhibition of sketches, models and photographs of salt stacks, cutters and seascapes, 1830-80, to celebrate Swansea's maritime history. Until September 12.
Glyn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, 10.30-12.30pm and 1-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 2.

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And that's what we're already a bit of a muddle. But we also fun characters such as the 'Laryngectomy' and 'Cancer Link'.

Cancer Link

Macmillan

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Mr Mummer gets the bird

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1855.0 (+20.8)
FT-SE 100
2359.9 (+26.0)
Bergains
51949 (47113)
USM (Datastream)
217.81 (+3.05)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5980 (-0.0020)
W German mark
2.9675 (+0.0011)
Trade-weighted
72.6 (+0.1)

City Panel to meet on Hogg

A full meeting of the Takeover Panel has been called for this Friday to consider the position of potential bidders for Hogg Robinson now that this travel and insurance broking group has been split into two separate companies.

The Panel last week declined to give a ruling before last Monday's meeting where shareholders approved demerger proposals, thus leaving it unclear whether, under City rules, the TSB Group and/or Dewey Warren Holdings would be free to make separate bids for the individual parts of the group.

TSB originally made a conditional, 600p-a-share cash bid for the group as a whole, before Monday's approval to split into two.

£25m 'rights'

Dobson Park Industries is raising £25.2 million through a one-for-four rights issue at 125p a share to reduce borrowings and finance its next round of acquisitions.

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Clark up 3%

Matthew Clark annual profits increased 3 per cent to £5.86 million on turnover up 10.4 per cent to £67 million to end April. The annual dividend is up 1p to 9p net.

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Glaxo widens

Glaxo Holdings is to buy Biogen's biotechnology research facilities in Geneva. Terms were not announced.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2499.52 (+5.58)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24385.82 (+280.84)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3357.46 (+8.41)
Amsterdam	Amsterd. Gen	315.87 (+0.18)
Sydney	ASX	1981.3 (-18.7)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1948.4 (+15.4)
Brussels	Brussels	5346.3 (+88.7)
Paris	CAC	413.8 (-1.5)
Zurich	SKA Gen	n/a
London	FT. A	n/a
FT. B	FT. B	88.78 (+0.55)
FT. C	FT. C	n/a
FT. D	FT. D	n/a
FT. E	FT. E	n/a
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FT. X	FT. X	n/a
FT. Y	FT. Y	n/a
FT. Z	FT. Z	n/a

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER	BAA pld	145p (+48p)
Widened	Widened	145p (+48p)
Electronic	Electronic	145p (+48p)
Logistics	Logistics	145p (+48p)
Unilever	Unilever	145p (+48p)
Eucalyptus	Eucalyptus	145p (+48p)
Summa	Summa	145p (+48p)
Glaxo	Glaxo	145p (+48p)
General	General	145p (+48p)
J. Swan & Sons	J. Swan & Sons	145p (+48p)
Ealing	Ealing	145p (+48p)
Marina	Marina	145p (+48p)
Michael	Michael	145p (+48p)
Southern	Southern	145p (+48p)
Cable & Wireless	Cable & Wireless	145p (+48p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	9%
3-month interbank	9.5%
3-month eligible bills	9.5%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8.5%
Federal Funds	5.89-5.87%
3-month Treasury	5.89-5.87%
30-year bonds	9.89%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£: \$1.5980	\$: £1.5985
DM: 2.9675	DM: 2.9675
SwF: 2.577	SwF: 2.577
Yen: 160.34	Yen: 160.34
Index: 72.6	Index: 72.6
ECU: 0.69979	ECU: 0.69979

GOLD

London	AM \$455.50 pm \$456.00
close	\$455.20-456.00 (\$284.75-285.25)
Mem. Vols.	Comex \$456.20-456.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept)	pm \$19.40bbl (\$19.17)
Discont. latest trading price	

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CBI forecasts steady growth

Economy showing 'no signs of overheating'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

In its July *Industrial Trends* Survey, the Confederation of British Industry says output growth is strong, investment is increasing and export order books are improving.

The employers' organization, on the basis of a quarterly survey covering 1,485 companies, went out of its way to counter City fears that the economy is overheating as industry runs up against capacity ceilings.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's Economic Situation Committee, said: "We are seeing a continuation of the steady improvement in order books and output that has been a feature of our economy over the past six months."

"The improved investment intentions are good news and, taken with the continuing curbing of inflationary pressures, suggest that we may be in a period of sustained growth."

"There is no evidence from the survey of significant overheating of the economy. Strong competitive pressures are acting to limit price increases."

But City analysts said the survey left the question of whether the economy was overheating unanswered.

"This survey has most definitely not removed overheating concerns," said Mr Mark Brown, an economist at Phillips & Drew.

But Mr Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, drew comfort from several aspects of the survey. "The critical thing is the revival of investment in plant and machinery. That and the low cost and price increases are very significant."

The key evidence in the survey regarding overheating worries was that, covering capacity constraints, cost pressures and labour shortages. The results were mixed.

The proportion of companies working below capacity fell to 45 per cent from 49 per cent in April. The latest figure is below the 51 per cent reached at the previous manufacturing peak in 1979 and similar to the 44 per cent level recorded at the height of the 1973 boom.

But the CBI said that with the exception of chemicals and textiles there was no evidence of capacity shortages. And the proportion of businesses citing capacity as a constraint on output had fallen to 22 per cent from 25 per cent three months ago.

Cost pressures in industry are subdued. The balance of companies expecting unit costs to rise over the next four months (those expecting them to rise less than those expecting a fall) declined to +10 per cent, from +25 per cent in April.

But there are signs of skilled labour shortages. Nearly a fifth, 18 per cent of companies, reported that difficulties in hiring skilled labour were likely to hold back output over the next four months, which could result in upward pressure on wages.

The balance of businesses more optimistic, +25 per cent, compared with +28 per cent in the last quarterly survey in April.

Order books appear to be very healthy.

Accounting proposal hits snags

By Carol Ferguson

A proposed solution to the problem of how to bring off-balance sheet finance back on to the balance sheet where it belongs has run into legal opposition.

As a result, the Accounting Standards Committee will be withholding publication of a paper which it had hoped to release today, thereby delaying the issue of an Exposure Draft.

Mr Ralph Aldwinckle of Linklater & Paines, the solicitors, and a member of the Law Society, stressed yesterday that there was no disagreement on objectives.

"We are interested in an accounting standard which is comprehensible, can be applied to the circumstances, and which stands up from the legal point of view," he said.

The Law Society defines assets and liabilities in terms of legal rights and obligations and the lawyers are worried that unless the balance sheet reflects the strict legal form of transactions, then the accounts can be challenged.

Saunders suit against Roux

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, yesterday announced that he was suing Mr Olivier Roux, the ex-finance director, for his first legal move since his threat earlier this year to expose those whom he considered responsible for his downfall from the drinks group.

The announcement was made through his solicitors and added that he was also suing Guinness for damages for wrongful dismissal.

Both legal moves have been linked to the outstanding legal claim which Guinness still has against Mr Saunders for breach of his fiduciary duty to the company for allegedly authorizing a £5.2 million payment to Mr Thomas Ward.

Although Guinness has obtained judgment against Mr Ward, a former Guinness director, for the £5.2 million, it can still proceed against Mr Saunders.

His solicitors have therefore issued a defence to the action and made Mr Roux a party to the proceedings.

In effect this means that Mr Saunders is seeking a contribution or indemnity from Mr Roux if Guinness succeeds in its claim against him.

Mr Roux will therefore be legally represented in the proceedings and the judgment - if it goes against Mr Saunders - is likely to apportion liability between Mr Saunders and Mr Roux if any apportionment is considered appropriate.

Mr Saunders' action for wrongful dismissal is in the form of a counterclaim against Guinness in the same proceedings.

Mr Saunders' defence and counterclaim were served on Guinness last Friday. According to Payco Hicks Beach, his solicitors, Mr Saunders "emboldened" denies any breach of fiduciary duty to the company which in five years he led from near bankruptcy to its present profit-earning capacity of £400 million per annum.



Back to business: Sir Norman Payne (left) and Richard Westmacott, chairman of Hoare Govett

Small man profits most from BAA

By Ray Heath

Dealings in BAA shares began yesterday with a handsome profit for 2 million small investors but only a marginal gain for institutions.

Trading started with a premium of 40p on the fixed price offer, which compared with the 42p premium on the grey market prior to the start of official dealings.

For the 2.1 million investors allocated the minimum 100 shares in the 245p fixed-price issue, the starting price represented a gross £40.50 profit on their first instalment of £1 per share. This will be reduced by dealing charges of at least £15.

Institutions, which had to bid 283p or more to receive an allocation, had to settle for no more than 2.5p a share profit. Many that bid well above the cut-off price were still waiting to see their paper investment equal the value of their cheques when trading finished with a 46.5p premium.

The early volume of deals was relatively heavy. In the first 13 minutes 23 million shares changed hands. By the end of the day 134 million had been traded out of the total 500 million sold by the Government, but prices remained within a narrow range throughout the day.

In spite of the high level of business, fears that the stock market would be buried in an avalanche of paper from small investors taking their new traditional privatization profit appeared unfounded, although many stockbrokers complained that they were struggling to cope with the volume of small business.

The orderly start to dealings was seen by County NatWest, the Government's adviser, as a vindication for including a tender element in the issue. Without the early rush to top up holdings by institutions, there was none of the frantic trading seen in previous privatizations.

His prediction was borne out by the rush to sell shares through National Westminster Bank's computerized dealing service. Its 245 branches handled 26,000 deals for clients who sold 7.6 million shares. The much larger British Gas issue generated only 23,000 deals on the first day.

Mr Norman predicted that the huge number of small investors in BAA, reflecting the Government's wider share-ownership policy, would be greatly reduced by the time the annual meeting is held next July, although he expected many investors to be long-term holders.

Mr Robert Smart, a director of ILG, said: "It was an offer too attractive to refuse." ILG will use the money to back its aviation interests and now will only have hotel interests in Spain.

The buyer was Mount Charlotte Investments, which is raising £99 million via a share placing to fund the deal.

Mr Robert Peel, a one-time hotel chairman who as managing director of Mount Charlotte operates the second largest hotel chain in Britain after Trusthouse Forte, said the deal would add to the quality of the group's portfolio.

The group bought the London Park Hotels group in April this year which brought in the Heathrow Park, the Bloomsbury Park, Kensington Park and the former Royal Angus Hotel - now reopened as Hospitality Inn, Piccadilly.

Mount Charlotte yesterday placed 60.76 million shares with institutions at 158p each and proposes to issue an additional 1.92 million to fund the acquisition.

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NatWest beats expectations with £251m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank, the largest clearing bank, yesterday delighted the City by announcing pretax profits for the half-year that were double expectations. The result, achieved despite bad debt provisions of £564 million, was due mainly to a strong performance in domestic banking operations.

The bank made a £251 million profit for the six months to June 30, compared with £482 million at the same time last year. Analysis had expected a lower profit figure after NatWest announced several weeks ago that it was making a large one-off provision against sovereign country borrowers.

The provision came out at £496 million, which includes the £466 million originally announced by the bank, adjusted for currency fluctuations, and £16 million in unpaid interest. The bank's total sovereign debt provision now stands at £886 million, 29.5 per cent of NatWest's £3 billion in outstanding loans to 35 problem countries, including South Africa.

The bank's shares rose by more than 20p to 772p on the news. The interim dividend is being raised by 14p cent, up 1p to 8p.

Lord Boardman, the chairman, said that in view of the special circumstances of the exceptional provision, the results were very good. He added: "We never contemplated doing anything other than taking the provisions above the line."

The increase in bad debt cover by many international banks would make it easier to find realistic solutions to the problems of Third World countries, he said.

Profits from domestic banking operations surged from £12 million last year to £53 million this time, as interest and fee income rose strongly. Mr Tom Frost, who took over as chief executive last month, said domestic banking was already benefiting from the policy of segmentation and market targeting.

On personal banking, NatWest boosted its mortgage portfolio to £4.3 billion, enabling its home loan subsidiary to contribute £37 million to profits compared with £22 million last year.

He added that in commercial banking NatWest now had a dominant position with smaller companies, with 28 per cent of the small business market and 31 per cent of the business start-up market.

International banking turned in a loss of £370 million, compared with a profit of £116 million last year, because of the exceptional bad debt provision. Investment banking profits rose by only £1 million to £2 million because of development costs in the US and the Far East, and trading losses on Eurobonds.

Stockbrokers are now revising upwards their estimates for NatWest's full-year results in the light of the figures. Barclays is the last of the big four clearers to announce its interim results, tomorrow.

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Hotels sale brings ILG £35m profit

By Colin Campbell

Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group yesterday reaped a £35 million profit on a two-year investment in London hotels by selling the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, the Charing Cross Hotel and the New Barbican for £36 million.

Mr Robert Smart, a director of ILG, said: "It was an offer too attractive to refuse." ILG will use the money to back its aviation interests and now will only have hotel interests in Spain.

The buyer was Mount Charlotte Investments, which is raising £99 million via a share placing to fund the deal.

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JWT asset value stronger by \$100m

By John Bell, City Editor

A financial review of JWT Group, the US advertising company, is likely to show that its assets are worth over \$100 million (£62.5 million) more than book values.

This is the preliminary finding of an investigation started four weeks ago following the £350 million takeover of JWT by Mr Martin Sorrell's WPP Group.

WPP also disclosed yesterday that JWT, which ended a dismal run of quarterly statements with a loss for the first three months of 1987, performed much more strongly in the second quarter.

A statement referred to "significant profitability at satisfactory margins." Industry sources say this indicates that JWT came close to the 9 per cent average profit margins for the US quoted advertising sector. This would imply pretax profits of about \$20 million.

Both developments will be read positively in the City.

It will be especially good news for the underwriters of the £213 million rights issue organized to raise the bulk of the finance for the JWT purchase. They have seen the market price of WPP shares slide from more than £11 before the JWT was com-



Sorrell: JWT success

pled to 875p, exactly in line with the rights price. The asset revaluation will take care of about £90 million of negative net worth which will appear on consolidation of JWT with the much smaller WPP. But the improved trading news at JWT is more significant. Mr Sorrell's case for acquiring the US group rested on the assertion that margins could be restored to the 9 or 10 per cent level.

The JWT developments were announced along with the now largely irrelevant WPP profits for the half-year to end-June. These showed a sixfold increase in profits to £3.3 million, a 250 per cent rise in earnings per share and a 25 per cent rise in dividend to 1.5p per share.

£100,000-a-year executive's work 'unsatisfactory'

Harris dismisses joint chief

By Lawrence Lever and Derek Harris

Harris Queensway, the high street and out-of-town retailing group, has dismissed its joint chief executive Mr Peter Carr only 14 months after he joined the company.

Sir Philip Harris, chairman of the group, asked Mr Carr to resign when he returned from holiday on Monday morning. Mr Carr, aged 46, who has a £100,000-a-year, three-year service agreement with the company, refused. He nevertheless cleared his desk and said yesterday he would be negotiating compensation terms with the company.

Mr Carr was dismissed because Sir Philip, backed by the board, thought his performance unsatisfactory and because he considered it unnecessary to have two chief executives.

The arrangement to employ two chief executives had been in place for only four weeks, when Mr Martin Watts joined the company.

Mr Watts, a founder director of Olympus Sports, has now been made group managing director, while Sir Philip has assumed the twin role of chairman and chief executive.

Sir Philip said: "Having two chief executives is very difficult. I'll never do that again." He said there had not been any personality clash.

He added that Mr Carr's "performance was not as good as I thought it should be."

"The main division that he was working on was the Queensway out-of-town furnishing business where the performance has been disappointing."

"Some of his ideas were very good," Sir Philip added, but stressed he thought Mr Carr had tried to upgrade the ranges of furniture, moving away from the core, low-priced ranges too quickly. He said the disappointing performance of Queensway had been reflected in the recent annual results and the past six months' trading.

Mr Carr had been implementing a modernization programme for the 120-plus Queensway stores and extending the product ranges. Market sources suggested yesterday he could be the scapegoat for indifferent full-year figures and the likelihood that the forthcoming interim results would be dull.

Mr Carr joined the company in May last year from Debenhams, where he was one of the three main board directors to survive the Burton takeover. He was promoted this May to having overall responsibility for the furniture, Harveys and loss-making electricals divisions.

He was reluctant to comment on his dismissal yesterday "because it would be silly to compromise discussions between me and the company about compensation."

He said: "It is a straightforward thing, it happens in business from time to time."

The furniture sector has been dull and the big criticism of most retailers in this market - which clearly applies to the Harris interests - is that the sort of trade-provoking excitement seen in clothes retailing is seldom being achieved in furniture.

Harris Queensway is rated market leader in furniture, together with floor-coverings, ahead of MFI. Analysts suggest any recent loss in market share, because of the dull performance, is probably only marginal.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Lawson attacks talk on Bank Governor

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday acted to end speculation about the position of Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England. "I am astonished at the continuing Press speculation about the Governor of the Bank of England," the Chancellor said in a statement issued by the Treasury. "I should like to make it clear that he has my fullest confidence."

Treasury officials said that since the present Governor's term was set to run until next summer, no decisions would be taken by the Prime Minister on the governorship until the autumn.

Profits rise at Kenyon

Kenyon Securities, the USM financial business, raised pre-tax profits from \$751,000 to \$854,000 last year, on turnover up from \$4.8 million to \$5.2 million. Mr Michael Kenyon, the chairman, said: "These results are particularly pleasing in view of the lower death rate during the year." The dividend payout goes up from a total of 10.4p last year to 12p a share. The share price was unchanged at 530p.

Willaire buys Heatsense

Willaire Systems, the USM group, is buying Britannia Security Group's 75 per cent stake in Heatsense Cables, a maker of insulated conductors, for £400,000. It is also offering up to £1.3 million for Astec Environmental Systems, a pollution control company. The Heatsense buy will be met by the issue of 2 million Willaire shares, raising Britannia's stake to 12.3 per cent. The Astec offer will be satisfied in cash.

Trencherwood ahead

Trencherwood, the USM-quoted housebuilder, yesterday reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £2 million to £3.6 million for the six months to April 30. The company's shares leapt 20p on the announcement. Earnings per share, taking into account the April bonus issue, were 11.6p compared with 6.8p, and the company is paying an interim dividend of 1.05p (0.825p).

The Trencherwood board says it "looks forward to another year of substantial growth." Most of the £6.3 million it raised from a share placing in March has been "re-marketed for the expansion" of its residential programme and it has created its first new regional company covering Hampshire, Dorset and West Sussex. The company has pushed ahead with its move into retirement homes, with 37 included in the half-year results. This compares with just one last year.

Jourdan aims for purchases

Thomas Jourdan, the multi-conglomerate, is planning more acquisitions. The company recently bought Woodstock Butcherblock, an up-market kitchen equipment company, and Mr Archie McNair, the chairman, says he has his eye on more takeovers. Half-year pre-tax profits were slightly ahead at \$527,000 on turnover of nearly \$7 million. The shares were 1p easier at 215p.

St Modwen profit leaps

St Modwen Properties, which emerged out of Reuben Hovav's investment, reported pre-tax profits of \$731,000 in the half-year to May 31, up from \$216,000, on turnover of \$2.88 million. The company has said it will only pay a single annual dividend while it builds reserves. St Modwen has begun building the 154,000 sq ft "Meteor Centre" retail park in Derby.

Rockwood Holdings shares suspended

Shares in Rockwood Holdings, the security consultant and electrical components group, were suspended at 133p yesterday at the company's request pending an announcement expected this week. Mr Tom Forrest, the Rockwood chairman, said there were "fairly positive things happening." But he declined to elaborate.

Shares in AG Stanley Holdings, the home decorating materials retailer, were also suspended at the company's request "pending a further announcement." Market sources suggested the company was negotiating the purchase of the privately-owned Jaco group.

STOCK MARKET

CBI survey and upgrading for ICI helps to lift shares

By Geoffrey Foster

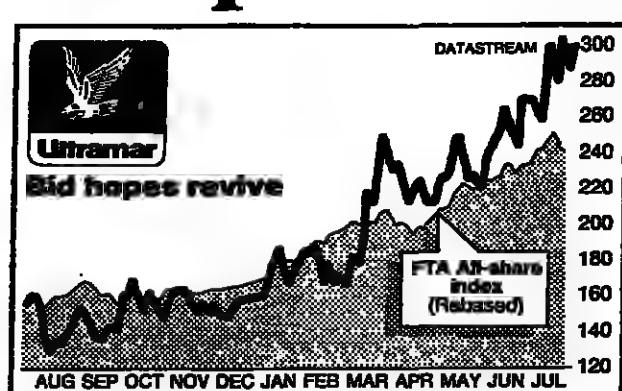
Coinciding with the lift-off of dealings in the British Airports Authority, the equity market staged a significant rally yesterday with buyers back in their numbers to confound those pessimists who recently forecast that the market had only one way to go — downwards.

Sentiment in the early stages was helped by the good overnight performance of Wall Street and the opening 48p premium attained on the partly-paid price of BAA during the first few minutes of dealings.

An additional lift was given by stories filtering through the system that analysts at both Warburg Securities and Scrimgeour Vickers, the brokers, had both significantly upgraded their forecasts for Imperial Chemical Industries' second-quarter profits, which are due to be published tomorrow.

However, the biggest fillip was provided by the Confederation of British Industry, which published a bullish quarterly trends survey. Stating that industry in Britain is set fair for a boom in the coming months, it proved enough to induce fund managers to buy and forget last week's disappointing economic data and fears that the economy was overheating.

The upshot was that the FTSE 100 share index showed a gain of nearly 30 points by 4 pm — when early indications from Wall Street proved favourable — before closing an



active session 26 points higher at 2,359.9.

The FT 30 share index, meanwhile, sported a rise of 24.1 points at just before the close, before finishing 20.8 up at 1,855.0.

Even gilt-edged stocks joined in the rally, recovering

Shares in Barratt Developments, the nation's best-known housebuilder, held at 230p yesterday, but should soon start to improve. Word in the market is that Sir Lawrie Barratt, the chairman, is on the verge of selling the group's Californian housebuilding activities for a handsome sum. If recent noisy buying of the shares is anything to go by, dealers should not have long to wait.

half of the previous day's declines of 1 1/2 points. Dealers here, however, remained cautious last night and suggested that interest rates are due to rise and that the next set of monthly trading figures are vital concerning the market's short-term performance.

The market should hear news soon that Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand

entrepreneur, has increased his stake in Ultramar, the oil exploration group, in which he already holds a 12.9 per cent interest.

The word is that IEP Securities, his quoted subsidiary, has been a big buyer of the shares in recent weeks, helping to

push the price 12p dearer to 300p — not too far off its high for the year.

Yesterday, dealers were of the opinion that something is about to break and they are bracing themselves for confirmation that Mr Brierley has increased his stake and are expecting an outright bid for Ultramar to follow. Kleinwort Greaveson, the broker, was said to be an aggressive buyer

of the stock, while a large buying order, emanating from the US, also added fuel to the speculation.

Additionally, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, currently rates the shares a "buy." It believes the group is at an early stage of rapid and sustained earnings recovery and that the second-quarter figures, scheduled to be reported on August 12, should show a £2.7 million profit against a £1.7 million deficit for the second quarter of 1986.

Shares in Harris Queensway, the furniture and toy retailer, succumbed to nervous selling, dropping by 11p to 218p, as dealers sensed that all is not well in the boardroom.

News that Mr Peter Carr, the joint chief executive, had been sacked as head of the electricals and furniture division, coming hard on the heels of the departure of Mr James Cook, the finance director, to pursue his own business interests, led to the obvious speculation that Sir Phil Harris was under pressure as chairman of this ailing company to restore calm.

Dealers were also keen to point out that this departure follows recent sales by directors and trustees of the Harris family of 2 million shares at around the 240p level and suggest that this was done for a reason.

Analysts were disappointed with the last set of results from Harris Queensway and downgraded forecasts for the current year from £70 million to £65 million.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,100	English China	588	Rank Org	128
Amstar	1,300	Fisons	2,800	Rank Hovis	2,200
Anglo	1,100	Gen Accounting	316	Radcliff	1,000
ASDA-MFI	2,500	GECC	2,900	Nashfin Colman	1,000
Aer Bn Foods	381	GKN	4,100	Reed Int	486
BET	1,300	Globe IT	1,400	Reutens	1,100
BTM	2,500	Globe IT	434	RMG Group	245
BAT	1,200	Granada	485	RTZ	461
Barclays	1,500	Grand Met	1,300	Roth-Royce	10,000
Beas	81	GUS 'A'	92	Rowntree	1,200
Becham	684	GRIE	578	Royal B of Scot	575
Blue Circle	856	Guinness	1,700	Royal Int	5,100
BOC	526	Hawthorn 'A'	248	Seatchi	1,007
Boots	2,000	Hanson	4,800	Sainsbury (L)	800
BPI Ind	203	Hawthorn Sidley	484	Swain	4,700
BPC	255	Hendy	4,800	Sedgwick Gp	286
Br Aerospac	1,200	Imp Chem Ind	1,800	Sherrill	480
Br Airways	2,500	Jaguar	2,200	Smith & Nephew	3,000
Brn Corpn	992	Ladbrokes	1,300	STC	900
Br Gas	10,000	Lend Securities	1,300	Stan Chair	277
Br Petroleum	6,300	Lagard & Gain	678	Storehouse	9,400
Br Telecom	2,700	Lloyds	4,400	Sun Alliance	248
Brtnol	8,000	Lumina	4,800	Tarmac	2,300
Bund	1,900	Mellors & Spence	1,800	TSS PIP	1,600
Burns	1,100	MPC	715	Yessu	1,200
Cable & Wireless	7,000	Midland	1,700	Thorn EMI	2,800
Cadbury Schwepp	2,100	Net West	4,800	Trafalgar House	384
Coles Myrtle	108	Nestle	3,200	Thornhouse Ports	4,800
Com Union	2,200	P & O Dird	358	Unilever	1,200
Cora Goldfields	605	Pearson	758	Unwiner	1,400
Cookson Gp	59	Pillingston Bros	781	Unl Securit	487
Crooklands	1,200	Plessey	7,200	Wellcome	696
Doe Corp	2,200	Procter & Gamble	354	Widened 'A'	248
Dynco Gp	806	Racal Elco	2,800	Widened 'B'	1,400

COMPANY NEWS

● **GREGS:** Interim dividend held at 2p for the 24 weeks to June 13. With figures in 2000: Turnover 28,019 (24,809). Pre-tax profit 1,190 (911). Earnings per share 6.75p (4.94p). The results for the full year are again expected to show a steady improvement on last time, the board reports.

● **BILLOUGH:** Six months to April 30. Interim dividend 4.3p (3.2p). With figures in 2000: Turnover 71,514 (54,678). Pre-tax profit 8,164 (6,157). Earnings per share 4.02 (3.07).

● **ROBERT H. LOWE:** Six months to April 30. Interim dividend doubled to 1p, payable on September 3. With figures in 2000: Turnover 3,506 (4,735). Pre-tax profit 402 (231). Earnings per share 9.22p (7p).

● **MIC ELECTRIC GROUP:** The group has bought Eper Sicherheitstechnik, a leading West German manufacturer of fire detection and alarm systems as well as intruder-alarm equipment. Eper was a subsidiary of Emhart Corporation of the US. The price was £7.9 million in cash.

● **NEWMAN INDUSTRIES:** Six months to June 30. Interim dividend held at 0.5p. With figures in 2000: Turnover 40,034 (44,662). Pre-tax profit 4,231 (2,357). Extraordinary debit, nil (1,517). Earnings per share 2.2p (0.8p).

● **TRIBBLE HARRIS LI INC:** Six months to May 31. Interim dividend 1.6 cents. With figures in 2000: Turnover 623 (about £390,000), against 501. Turnover 7,937 (6,837). Earnings per share 2.79 cents (2.02 cents).

● **ASTRA HOLDINGS:** The group is reporting pro forma accounts for the year to March 31, 1987, with the results for the 15 months to March 31, 1987 and for the year 1985. With figures in 2000: Turnover 30,540, against 11,424 and 6,436. Pre-tax profit 6,219, against 1,014 and 210. Earnings per share 2.76p, against 1.54p and 0.26p. Final dividend 0.25p. The prospects for the enlarged group are viewed with confidence.

● **CRESTA HOLDINGS:** Six months to June 30. No interim dividend. With figures in 2000: Turnover 4,109 (1,952). Pre-tax profit 352 (46 loss). Earnings per share 2.2p (1.5p loss).

● **CHARLES BARKER:** The company has disposed of Owen Wade Delmonte, a consumer advertising agency, to Ted Roose & Partners. The initial consideration of £30,000 will be deferred until 1989. A further consideration, up to a maximum of £200,000, is payable, dependent on income generated by the business in the four years after completion. Roose has also agreed to pay £130,000, representing the net assets of Owen Wade Delmonte, at completion, on or before September 30 next.

● **AJ WORTHINGTON:** Year to March 31. With figures in 2000: Turnover 3,445 (1,969). Pre-tax profit 111 (23 loss). Earnings per share 1.7p (0.5p loss).

● **YELVERTON INVESTMENTS:** The company is proposing to raise up to about £2.85 million (net) by a rights issue of up to £2.9 million of 8 per cent convertible, unsecured loan stock, 1987. Terms: £1 nominal of stock for every four ordinaries held.

● **JAMES FERGUSON:** Year to March 31. With figures in

TEMPUS

Clark cures its hangover

Matthew Clark and Sons (Holdings), the drinks manufacturer and distributor, had a lot to contend with last year.

Despite buoyant consumer expenditure, spending on alcoholic drinks fell marginally in real terms by about a half per cent.

And first-half profits were hit by the costs of establishing the wine-based West Coast Cooler, the costs of reorganizing its agencies, and losses in Australia.

All due credit then that it could show an increase in the full-year result after a dip at the interim stage. Pretax profits rose 3 per cent to £6.86 million for the year.

The biggest contributor to profits is the group's 32 per cent interest in J E Mather, the wine-based West Coast Cooler, which contributed £5.2 million.

The other main profit sources were: drink distribution £1.2 million, Finsbury Distillery, including the manufacture of Stone's Original Green Ginger Wine, £800,000, and wholesaling £200,000.

And if that does not add up to the total profit, it is due to a whopping £473,000 of losses in Australia.

Australian turnover was up 2.5 times, and gross margins are good. But profits are being eaten away by start-up costs and excessive overheads.

Rising sales should gradually fill the excess warehouse capacity. But surgery will be needed to cut out excess staff, and profits are not expected until next year.

Back in Britain, high hopes for Matthew Clark's West Coast Cooler remain unfulfilled, despite launch and advertising expenditure of £300,000. Sales are still growing, but at 100,000 cases they are at barely half the level hoped for.

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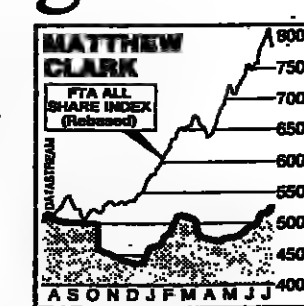
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Dobson Park

Dobson Park Industries' determined attempt to distance itself from the malaise of the mining equipment industry was never going to be cost-free, and shareholders now face the bill in the shape of a £25.2 million rights issue, at 125p a share.

This year's acquisitions, IRD Mechanalysis and Revere, which took the group into industrial electronics, its chosen area of expansion, inflated borrowings to £23 million. The new money will trim this back and provide the wherewithal for another takeover foray before the end of this year.

The company will not be happy until industrial electronics makes as much as mining equipment. It should not be long.

In a full year the new division looks capable of £4 million — as much as the highly successful power tools and toy divisions put together — while no recovery looks in sight for mining equipment.

In West Germany its dump truck maker Schopf has been ditched by the market's strength and will report losses of almost £1 million this year, while Marathon, of the US, remains a problem area.

Dobson shares have held up well during the shakeout, and at 145p were only 10p off their peak even after the issue news. Now that the dividend looks safe — the final will be held on the enlarged capital — the market is a little more relaxed. Expect profits of close on £12 million for the year to end-September, against £11.2 million.

Room at the top

Lord Forte may still be the king of the London hotel scene, but Mount Charlotte Investments is very much the crown prince, and after yesterday's acquisition of three leading London hotels that position can only be firmly entrenched.

Mt Charlotte adds 1,049 bedrooms with the purchase of the Grosvenor Hotel, the Charing Cross and the New Barbican hotels, thereby securing an even greater hold on the all-important London market. They will prove useful complements to other London hotels.

The three newcomers will only start to make a significant contribution to profits from next year and beyond, but despite the size of the share issue funding the deal,

there should be no earnings dilution.

Mt Charlotte, whose pretax profits grew from £16.1 million to £18.6 million in the year ended December, is still motoring ahead. For the six months to mid-July, pretax profits were up from £8.38 million to £10.9 million. Trading margins advanced from 30.5 per cent to 32.3 per cent.

For this year, bearing in mind organic growth and something to be added from the April deal for London Park Hotels, profits should reach £25 million, and then could be looking at £36 million for 1988.

The shares, at 157p yesterday, offer a prospective price earnings ratio of 16.4 on 1988 projections — worth a registration.

National Westminster Bank

1987 Group Interim Results

	6 months to 30th June 1987	1986
Pre-tax profits (after charging bad and doubtful debt provisions of:)	£251m	£482m
Post-tax profits	£160m	£296m
Earnings per share	21p	51p
Ordinary dividend per share	8p	7p
Total assets	£86.3bn	£76.4bn

'...the continuing strength of NatWest'

Lord Boardman, Chairman

National Westminster Bank, achieved pre-tax profits of £251m in the first half of 1987 after a charge for debt provisions of £564m. The Group's operating profit, before tax and provisions, rose by 24% to a record £815m compared to £655m for the same period in 1986.

Lord Boardman, NatWest Chairman, described the result as 'an excellent operating performance which demonstrates the continuing strength of NatWest in highly competitive banking markets worldwide.'

The Group's provisions include a charge of £496m against 35 countries rescheduling or experiencing

payment difficulties. The total sovereign debt cover is now 29.5% of amounts outstanding.

With first half retentions of £95m, shareholders' equity increased to £4.7bn. NatWest is the only British bank enjoying AAA ratings with all leading credit rating agencies.

Looking ahead, Group Chief Executive, Tom Frost said 'I take a confident view of the results for the full year. I see good prospects for our business at home and abroad.'

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Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
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One slogan of the brewer Courage Limited is "Reach for the Best". To celebrate 200 years of successful business enterprise, the Company held a Bicentenary Banquet on 22 June 1987 in The Guildhall, City of London.

The toast to Courage was proposed by Richard K. Westmacott, Chairman of Hoare Govett Limited, and responded to by John D. Elliott, Chairman of Elders IXL Limited and Courage Limited.

A special address was given by Professor Sir Donald Hopgood, A.O., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.H.S., Menzies Professor of Commonwealth History in the University of Sydney and the 755th character created by Australia's unique comic speechmaker, Campbell McComas. Following this, the Band of H.M. Royal Marines beat Retreat.

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July 1987

Interbank lending market set for a slowdown, says BIS

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The unprecedented growth in the international interbank deposit market, where banks lend money to each other, is unlikely to persist and the market will decline in volume, according to the Bank of International Settlements.

The BIS says in its first-quarter report for this year that despite expectations that the interbank market would decline in importance early this decade, special factors pushed up the market's volume to record levels.

In 1985, cross-border interbank lending doubled to \$182 billion (£113.7 billion) and local lending in foreign currency jumped by more than 10 times the previous year's level to \$48 billion.

The following year it continued to rise as a proportion of total cross-border bank lending.

This trend is now expected to reverse.

The expansion connected with the opening of the Japanese offshore market will end and the deregulation of bank portfolios will allow banks to enter new markets.

At the same time, new capital requirements will check the expansionary policies of Japanese banks, the leading players in the interbank market.

The interbank market will nevertheless continue to play

an important role, although the slowdown in its expansion may already have started with a more than seasonal slowdown in its growth during the first quarter of this year.

The BIS says the interbank market will have to be monitored because of its potentially destabilizing influence on the banking system.

The size of total interbank positions relative to bank capital and other financial aggregates has increased substantially.

This makes the banks more vulnerable to large exchange rate and interest rate swings, and international debt problems.

Alfred Walker in £21m purchases

By Cliff Feltham

Alfred Walker, the property group, is bouncing back from suspension with three acquisitions to take it firmly into the leisure market.

The company, now run by Mr George Martin, the former Pleasureama chief executive, is paying £21 million for a 485-bedroom hotel, a travel company, and an operator of residential parks.

The Hotel Bursin is situated on a 2.5 acre site opposite Folkestone harbour and is a self-contained leisure complex expected to make profits of not less than £1.25 million this year.

Mr Martin said: "The hotel is ideally located to take advantage of the traffic and passengers expected to be generated by the opening of the Channel tunnel."

Neilson Travel, which has

14 agencies in the Midlands and the North of England, supplies package holidays for most leading tour operators, and Surrey Park Homes runs seven residential parks with 1,000 homes.

They are being bought for £13.75 million from Nationwide Leisure, a subsidiary of Inspectorate International, a vendor placing that will leave it with an 11 per cent stake in Alfred Walker. The largest single shareholder is Mr Peter de Savary, the financier and yachtsman, who has a 29 per cent stake.

The acquisitions are expected to contribute about £3 million towards profits of Alfred Walker this year. The company, whose shares return from suspension tomorrow, made pretax profits of £151,000 last year.

£200 million ECGD loan for Nigeria

Britain and Nigeria yesterday took another step towards restoring trade relations with a large package of government-backed credit facilities to help British exports.

Nigeria is still Britain's biggest customer in black Africa, despite the sharp fall-off in trade since the early 1980s.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department package features a £200 million medium-term line of credit, restoring ECGD cover suspended in January 1984 when Nigeria had huge payments arrears after the collapse of its oil earnings.

Renewed official backing for export credit is expected to boost British exports considerably from last year's £500 million. Exports to Nigeria five years ago were £1.2 billion a year.

The scheme is aimed at aiding Nigeria's economic recovery and comes after the May signing of a bilateral debt agreement after completion early this year of a multilateral rescheduling accord.

The £200 million line of credit will support exports of capital goods and equipment for regenerating Nigerian industry and agriculture on credit terms of up to five years.

Nigeria has appointed Barclays Bank to provide the credit line, primarily for small and medium-scale businesses.

The ECGD is also discussing extra finance on medium-term credit to allow completion of essential projects by British contractors in Nigeria.

Chloride company for Singapore flotation

By Colin Campbell

Chloride Group is set to receive a £182 million cash injection and will see its balance sheet much improved after plans to establish a new company, Chloride Eastern, which will be floated on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

Mr Kent Price, the group chief executive, said Eastern will be the focal point of all Chloride's subsidiary and associated companies in South-east Asia, including the 50.7

per cent stake in Chloride India.

Chloride has forged an alliance with the Birla group - India's largest family of companies, with an annual turnover exceeding £3 billion. The net assets of the companies to be acquired by Eastern totalled £20.8 million at March 31, of which Chloride's interest was £10.2 million. Pretax profit was £8.5 million.

Lee Cooper seeks £14m for growth

By Michael Tate

Lee Cooper, the jeans manufacturer, is raising £14.3 million to fund its continuing transformation into a leading European supplier of leisurewear through a one-for-four rights issue at 180p a share.

The issue is priced at a large discount to the stock market price - 32.5p last night - with the consequent saving in underwriting costs.

Lee Cooper has made a number of acquisitions in the past 18 months and has seen its borrowings increase as a result. It now needs more cash to finance the development of these new businesses and to make further acquisitions.

The company has been viewing possible additions to its Jean Jamie retail chain, which boasts just over 100



Storehouse denial

Speculation that Sir Terence Conran, the Storehouse chairman, is considering breaking up his retailing empire persisted yesterday, despite strong denials by the head of the Mothercare, Habitat and British Home Stores group that a sale was imminent.

Sir Terence told the annual meeting that such rumours were "totally unfounded and without any basis of fact."

Nevertheless, talk continued that Dixons, Woolworth, Next, or even J Sainsbury might be looking at Storehouse's assets. A management buyout was also being suggested for Mothercare.

Sir Terence has fanned the rumours, perhaps unwittingly, by saying recently that many top retailers had approached him, but that none had "yet made a proposition I feel I can take to the board."

COMMENT

CBI survey cools the overheating debate

The gilt-edged market recovered some of its bounce yesterday on publication of the latest quarterly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry. Reassured after last week's trade figures trauma by the CBI's confident statement that the economy was not overheating, longer-dated stocks rose by three-quarters of a point.

However, a close reading of the CBI's findings provides material to justify the views of both optimists and pessimists. On the plus side, although business optimism, orders and output remain very strong, unit costs and prices are more restrained than in the last survey. The balance of firms expecting an increase in the prices at which domestic orders are booked has now been significantly lower at 19 per cent for the last two months than the 25 to 35 per cent level recorded during the first five months of the year. Average unit costs, on which firms are quizzed only quarterly, are expected to rise in the next four months by a balance of only 10 per cent, compared with 25 per cent in April. And export orders, though climbing a little more slowly than in the past six months, are still going up, suggesting that all may not be quite as gloomy on the trade front as the May figures for the current account made it seem.

On the other hand, say the more cautious souls, the number of firms that say they are still working below capacity has fallen from a balance of 49 per cent to 45 per cent. At this level, there is now

less spare capacity than in 1979 and about the same as in the inflationary boom of 1973. And the balance of firms forecasting that shortages of skilled labour will limit output in the next four months has risen by half since April to 18 per cent, though the number of those forecasting that plant capacity will be a constraint has fallen slightly from the high level of April.

There are evidently some warning signals here which, if taken with the persistently high level of credit growth, should urge caution on the Government. In the manufacturing sector, the high underlying level of pay settlements is currently being earned by a rapid growth in productivity. But will productivity continue to grow as fast when output starts to slow down, and if it does not, will pay settlements slow down in response? Meanwhile what is happening in the service sector where earnings are growing even faster and productivity growth is an unknown quantity?

Perhaps the most reassuring message from the CBI is that investment is accelerating. The balance of firms expecting to spend more on plant and machinery in the next 12 months is double what it was six months ago. Given a high rate of investment, the prospects for a continuing rise in productivity are good. And if unit costs remain under control, the debate on over-heating could yet be resolved in favour of the optimists.

NatWest goes striding on

There was an unmistakable air of bonhomie in the NatWest Tower yesterday. Yet again, the bank had confounded the analysts with better-than-expected figures, although predictions had been complicated by the big, one-off bad debt provision. In the words of Tom Frost, when he took over as chief executive last month: "The bank is on a roll," much of the groundwork having been laid by his predecessor, Philip Wilkinson.

National Westminster Bank produced some impressive results, not least the 71 per cent increase (including extras such as gifts sales) in domestic British banking profits. Without the £496 million provision and adjusting for rights issues, earnings per share - for example - would have gone up just under 30 per cent, from 51p to 66p. In fact, of course, the provisions were made and earnings per share dropped by 59 per cent to 21p, but the comparison is some measure of the strength of NatWest's current underlying business.

At the same time, its capital ratios remain relatively strong, with equity-to-assets at 5.6 per cent - more than a point above Lloyds. With an asset growth of some 13 per cent, mainly on

domestic personal lending, NatWest might just be open to the charge of reckless lending in a market with mounting bad debt experience. But analysts tend to confirm the bank's own insistence that its credit controls are tight and much of the increase came in high-quality mortgage lending.

It all suggests that NatWest continues to justify its triple "A" credit rating, one of only 15 banks in the world to have one.

But the shock of the extra bad debt provisions this time has added to the differentiation between the big two - Barclays and NatWest - and the little two - Lloyds and Midland. The greater involvement of the former in Big Bang businesses, combined with their lower exposure to Latin America, puts them almost in a different league. (Barclays is expected to announce some healthy profit trends on Thursday, despite higher bad debt provisions.)

They have far greater resources than either of the smaller banks, either to expand into new markets or to build yet higher bad debt provisions if conditions worsen. Or to hammer the smaller opposition in traditional domestic banking.

UK 'doubt' on commodity fund

By Colin Narborough

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, yesterday threw into doubt Britain's backing for a \$470 million (£293.7 million) United Nations scheme for funding commodity prices, and called for world trade in primary commodities to be opened to market forces.

In a speech to the UN Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva, he spelled out the Government's rejection of measures that distort or inhibit market

forces, citing the collapse of the International Tin Agreement in 1985 as justification for this stance.

Such attempts to maintain prices at levels above those which would otherwise prevail in the open market were "costly and self-defeating," Mr Clark said.

"The solution is not to attempt to rig the market or distort consumer choice. It must lie in acceptance of change and a readiness to adapt to market trends."

Later, Mr Clark told reporters that Britain's support for the Common Fund, the commodity scheme regarded as Unctad's biggest achievement to-date, should be carefully reviewed. It was too early to say how the Government would react if the fund received broad enough ratification to bring it into force.

Britain was an early signatory to the Common Fund, negotiated seven years ago as a way of financing buffer stocks to protect developing countries from wild price fluctuations.

But Mr Clark said the fund should concentrate on helping countries to diversify away from single-product economies and boost consumption, instead of buffer stock arrangements.

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A crush in Oxford Street

He may be able to design everything from a baby's romper suit to a new range of yuppie furniture, but Sir Terence Conran's shareholders have given him the thumbs down when it comes to organizing an annual meeting. Yesterday's frenzied Storehouse AGM was shoehorned into the restaurant in the BHS flagship in London's Oxford Street. But while only 400 shareholders had been catered for, more than 800 turned up. Unable to see their chairman for the crush, they could not even hear what he was saying due to the appalling public address system. And to make matters worse most of them arrived after the £5 BHS vouchers had run out. "This is the most chaotic AGM I have ever attended," cried one shareholder, drawing the only round of applause at the meeting. "If the shops are run like this," moaned another, "God help us." Sir Terence, who was said to have been markedly subdued at an eve-of-AGM City reception on Monday night - amid persistent speculation that his retailing empire is about to be bid for - did, I am assured, respond to his critics and apologized for the shambles. But unfortunately no one could hear a word he said.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Things go better

Critics of the City have been proved right. After months of speculation Kleiwan Grierson has admitted it is just about to have a Coke machine installed in its international dealing room. Although the firm is committed to doing almost anything to keep its dealers happy, the new machine is not, I am assured, intended as a device to stop

staff slipping out to the powder room - it is, of course, a dispenser of the real thing. The installation of such a machine was the idea of American stock market guru Roger Palmer, who is not only addicted to the national drink of the US, but reckons he can tell the difference between it and the products of other bottles.

of the July Industrial Trends Survey through the post as normal, stealing a 3% hour lead on their non-member rivals, which had to wait until the official 11.30am release. The market-sensitive survey, coming amid fears of economic overheating, had been awaited with much interest

as any set of trade or money supply figures. Those firms able to take early action more than recovered their annual CBI subscription from trading profits yesterday morning. Complaints to the Bank of England from other disgruntled firms prompted the inevitable advice that they too should sign up with the CBI.

On the carpet

What a difference a year makes. Only last April, Harris Queensway, the furniture and toys retailer, issued a Press release announcing the appointment to the board of Peter Carr, a former main board director of Debenhams, as its joint chief executive. In gushing enthusiastic terms, the release claimed that Sir Phil Harris, the company's chairman, was "delighted that Mr Carr was joining his team. Peter's retailing experience is unusually broad," he said at the time. On Monday, just as Carr returned from his summer holiday, he was apparently asked to leave the company at Sir Phil's request. The abrupt departure of Carr, aged 46, has come as something of a surprise to the City - he was highly regarded by analysts. He has been effectively replaced by Martin Watts, a former Sears man, who has been promoted to group managing director. Meanwhile Carr, married with three children, is understood to be without a job to go to. But surely not for long.

• In the old days, when the stock market had a bustling trading floor, jobbers would signal the presence of a stranger on the floor by making the shrill harrow-bay cry "1,400". What the unsuspecting visitor wouldn't realize was that this meant - to those in the know - that someone other than the 1,399 members of the exchange was in their midst. A sign of the times is that that warning cry has now been reduced to a comparatively casual "23".

Carol Leonard

Trend setters

The CBI could do worse than launch a recruitment drive in the City. Yesterday morning those market-making firms that happened to be CBI members received their copy

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Let's end this libel lottery

OPINION

Marcel Berlins

We do not allow juries to sentence criminals they have just found guilty. Only the judge can pass sentence. But even he does not have total freedom — he is constrained by the range of sentences laid down by parliament, and he has to follow guidelines spelled out by higher courts.

Yet we allow libel juries to choose the sentence on defendants they find guilty of defamation. Not only that, but we give them no upper limit. And even more absurdly, the judge is not supposed to give them any guidance about the amount. Many legal eyebrows were raised when Mr Justice Causfield appeared to be enthusiastically backing a huge award for Jeffrey Archer.

No one knows how juries reach their verdicts. No one knows how much of it is meant to be compensation for the injury to the plaintiff's reputation, and how much to punish the defendant. How far do they take account of the winner's wealth? If Archer had been a poor but famous man, would they have given a sum more suited to his lowly financial position? God help anyone libelling a Getty, then.

And had the hapless newspaper not been part of a large and rich group, would the award have been as much? But if someone's reputation is gravely damaged, why should compensation have to depend on the financial position of the losing party? The permutations and anomalies are endless.

A few weeks before Archer, Martin Packard, a retired naval officer, was awarded £450,000 for libels in a Greek newspaper with a circulation of just 50 copies in Britain. The defamatory articles were vicious, malicious and totally unfounded. But hardly anyone in Britain read them (the newspaper is in Greek) and it is not being unfair to L.C. Com. Packard to suggest that

he is not a nationally known figure. What the jury was clearly doing was to punish the perpetrators of the libel for the impact of the articles in Greece. Is an English jury fit to do this?

The whole absurdity over libel damages arises because, in defamation cases, the plaintiff does not have to prove his damages. He doesn't have to show that his reputation or his pocket actually suffered. In 1976 Telly Savalas — Kojak — was wrongly accused by the *Daily Mail* of leading a wild night-life, with the result that he was often late on the film set and unreliable.

By the time the case came to trial it was clear that he was as popular as he had ever been and was in great demand as an actor. In other words, there had been absolutely no lasting damage to his reputation or his earnings. The jury awarded him £34,000.

It is just about arguable that juries are appropriate for deciding, as representatives of the community, whether or not someone's reputation has been harmed. It is nonsense that they should also have the task of assessing the award.

They have no relevant experience or knowledge on which to base their decision, and there is no reason to think that their awards are anything but random shots in the dark. It is a lottery that should not be allowed to continue.

There is admittedly the possibility of an appeal, but the appeal courts only interfere, reluctantly, with juries' awards if they think they are grossly excessive. But there is a danger in giving the power to a judge to award damages — judging from Mr Justice Causfield's remarks in the Archer case. The *Star* would have been lucky to get away with several millions.

Marcel Berlins is the editor of Law Magazine

Clocking up the rock

Can MTV's 24-hour cable rock channel score a hit in Europe, where Music Box failed? Steve Turner meets the man who says it can and will



Mark Booth, of MTV Europe: promotional support from Madonna and U2

'The youth audience here doesn't control the TV set; its disposable income is small; MTV will learn its lesson'

However, this is not the first time that a 24-hour music channel has been launched in Europe, nor will it be providing the only rock available on cable. Music Box, financed by Virgin Vision, became a channel in February 1984. It was subscribed to by 3.8 million homes, yet was forced to merge with Super Channel three years later through lack of support from advertisers.



John Manning

here doesn't control the TV set, its disposable income is very small, and cable operators are not interested in carrying a music service.

"MTV will learn its lesson. The jury is still out on Super Channel and Sky Channel. It's a very dicey business for everybody. They can't really compete with us for advertising revenue if they can only offer around a million homes. They must reach the same levels. We lose campaigns to Sky because of the gap of a million. Think how MTV will do."

Since arriving to set up MTV's London office last November, Mark Booth has had to endure many

predictions of an early demise. "First they said we couldn't strike a deal with the record companies," he recalls. "Then they said we couldn't do the copyright deals. Then they said we couldn't get the advertising or get into cable homes. We've done all these."

MTV Europe, which claims it will be doing "very good business" when it reaches five to seven million subscribers range and "excellent business" at anything over that, believes its strengths lie in experience, quality and reputation. Unlike any other channel, it has a strong "lifestyle association", unlike Music Box it will not use repeat programming; and it can call on the promotional support of such major artists as Madonna, U2, Genesis and Bruce Springsteen.

"We helped create the idea of a network dedicated to music," Booth points out. "We have six years of experience in it and a great deal of credibility with more than 800 active advertisers. They know us and trust that we're going to create a good product. If you get a median age of around 24, which is what we have in America, you can sell anything from soft drinks and jeans to automobiles, credit cards and personal computers. Already we're exceeding our expectations on advertising revenue."

"The issue of MTV is very different from the general entertainment channels like Sky and Super. If people want the elusive young adult, we are a very attractive buy. MTV is the television of the future."

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Jump in the dark

Britain's first quality monthly magazine for children, *Jump*, is to be launched on September 17.

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Jump is the brainchild of Andrew Jarvis and Sara Lynn, the brother and sister team whose company Two Can Design publishes the *Adrian Mole* and *Yes, Prime Minister* diaries.

It is the company's first venture into the magazine world. The 32-page, full-colour publication will sell at £1 an issue and also contain *High Jump*, a separate 16-page pull-out (eight of these advertising) for parents.

"Two Can" believes that children are the growth market of the Eighties and points to the "rebirth" of *Mothercare*, the magazine of children's readers by Mary & Spencer and *Saturday*, and the new children's *News* developed by Bobo and Woolworth as evidence.

The initial print run for *Jump* will be 100,000 and the editor, Diana Jones, hopes the figure will settle at around 80,000. Although the magazine is directed at four to seven-year-olds, she admits that it is more likely to appeal to the younger ones.

At present there are two weekly comics aimed at the very young — *Peterson's Pictorial Papers* and *Ratling* — which offer the same kind of mix of facts and features, puzzles and stories, albeit less glossy way.

But for slightly older children the choice is limited to a handful of weekly or fortnightly comics based on television cartoon characters or toys — *My Little Pony*, *Cartoonists*, *Muppet Babies*, *Masters of the Universe* — which make no pretence of trying to educate as well as entertain.

Lee Rodwell

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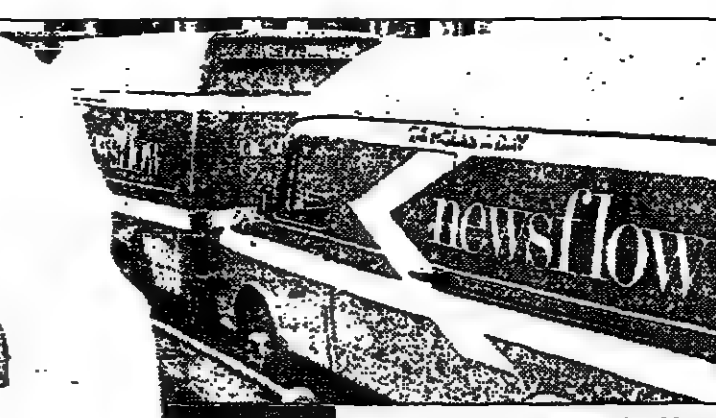
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Delivery downfall

Robert Maxwell blames production and delivery problems for the demise of his London Daily News but as Andrew Lycett finds, the answer is not so simple



One afternoon earlier this month, as sales of the London Daily News (LDN) hovered around 100,000, a driver employed by Newsflow, the specialist van distribution company set up to deliver the paper, fell asleep in his cab. When he woke up at 5 o'clock, he panicked because he had not delivered 286 copies of LDN's third Late Extra edition, due on the streets between 2.30 and 4.30, and promptly dumped them in a field.

The driver, who had been ill, offered to reimburse LDN for the lost papers. But the incident only highlighted the topsy-turvy nature of distribution at London's first 24-hour newspaper.

Distribution and printing have been identified by LDN publisher Robert Maxwell as the paper's "worst areas of performance", leading directly to its closure last Friday. A sheaf of internal LDN documents made available to *The Times* have been more damning than Maxwell. Only last week a memo to Jack Ferguson, managing director of the paper, stated that Newsflow management was "unskilled in specialized evening newspaper distribution requirements".

Sitting in his Portacabin office near King's Cross Station, Newsflow's 33-year-old managing director, Doug Curran, feels that allegations made against his company — most of whose business comes from Maxwell — are un-

founded. Indeed he points out that only this month Newsflow started to distribute Maxwell's other national newspaper titles — the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirror* and the *Sunday People*, so the Mirror Group clearly does not blame him for everything.

There are close links between Maxwell and Newsflow. Industry analysts see the company as a Maxwell creation, although technically Newsflow is part of the National Freight Corporation. Set up in November last year, it had just three months to gear up to distribute the 500,000 copies of LDN envisaged by Maxwell.

LDN had a complicated schedule. Its early morning edition was printed at up to five satellite works in and around London; later editions were printed at the *Daily Telegraph's* West Ferry plant in the Isle of Dogs and at *Today's* printers near Heathrow Airport.

Newsflow scheduled 200 vehicles to make 17,000 deliveries to 6,000 retailers every 24 hours. Inevitably some copies did not get through. Curran blames that on teething problems: "Vehicles turned up late now and again, but the actual performance figures speak for themselves." He brings out a document showing that of more than 66,000 deliveries made two weeks ago, less than 9 per cent were late. He points out that LDN changed the mix of editions delivered to retailers at least four times after its launch on February 24. He says that

Maxwell's vans: the complexities of 24-hour distribution were too great

sometimes three plants out of the five failed to print the early edition, and there were three weeks when West Ferry was late with all its 20 editions.

At Orbit House, headquarters of the LDN, the situation is seen rather differently. A former journalist notes that the paper was always on the streets after its rival, the *Standard*. He says Newsflow staff were generally inexperienced. Newsflow's insistence on a fixed wage and no commission robbed them of incentive to promote the title, particularly in the suburbs. The only van salesman on commission were 19 "depotmen" responsible for Central London, who were

generating nearly half of LDN's 45,000 evening sales at its end, while Newsflow's remaining 142 van routes accounted for just 25,000 sales. With Newsflow's £8 million a year bill, each copy of LDN was costing 29.3p to distribute — more than its 20p cover price.

Newsflow's main problem was its failure to penetrate the suburbs. Arthur Read, a Hounslow newsagent who has been in the business 20 years, wrote to the LDN in April: "Up to last week, supply of the last two editions has been erratic or non-existent... Now this morning we didn't get any Gold Top — along with many other shops, according to what your lorry driver said. This is straight suicide for a non-established newspaper."

Distribution cannot be blamed entirely for LDN's failure. As a senior executive says: "If people had walked up to newstands and demanded LDN, all these kind of difficulties would have faded into insignificance."

The LDN was unfocused from the start, and it showed in the product. Features staff came from upmarket papers, the newsdesk from downmarket. The newspaper never gelled. Maxwell, described by one journalist as "the most top-of-the-head guy you've ever met", started involving himself in day-to-day editorial decisions. One editor recalls being told by his publisher that there were not enough sports pages: "we've got to have yobbo appeal". The paper's marketing department could make little of this muscle-headed approach. Maxwell persevered. Attracted by its press, he sought, unsuccessfully, to buy *Today*. "He could have had a newspaper called *Today* and another called *Tonight*," says an LDN insider. As it turned out, the Mirror Group chairman was left with only a pile of yesterday's.

BYLINES
Independent wealth

Today, independent television producers should hear how the BBC has decided to allocate the £4 million which Michael Checkland, the director general, promised in March would be handed out to independent production companies.

The independents are reporting good progress in their talks with the BBC to establish comprehensive terms of trade and, says Paul Styles, administrator of the Independent Programme Producers Association, "we have agreed that the current deals should be non-precedential".

In sharp contrast, the independents' talks with the ITV companies and the IBA have broken down, because of the latter's refusal to accept the Government-recommended 25 per cent quota, or the principle that ITV companies should be banned from taking equity stakes in independent companies.

Internal wrangling has also broken out among the independents — most notably, the formation of the Television Producers Group, a breakaway pressure group of large companies, including Consolidated Productions and London Films. They are threatening to negotiate their own terms of trade if the current discussions yield too many concessions in areas — such as copyright control and ownership of assets — which don't greatly preoccupy smaller independents.

Prime time

Soured by the success of the British version of *PrimeTime Live*, its monthly women's magazine, Gruner and Jahr, the German publishers, are to tackle IPC head-on with a new women's weekly, to be launched in September. The magazine, codenamed *Prima Special* by G&J, will be closely modelled on its French weekly, *Femme Actuelle*. The launch is being overseen by *Prima's* editor, Iris Burton, former editor of IPC's *Woman's Own*.

Morning glory

ITV's new morning schedule, due to begin in full on September 7, should be more than a match for BBC1's daytime line-up, according to Saatchi and Saatchi Compton. Viewing research for the make-shift morning schedule ITV introduced four weeks ago shows that its mix of game shows and soaps has attracted more than a third of 16 to 34-year-old housewives, slightly ahead of BBC1, which still has more people "dipping" into its programming.

Dock grief

Transportation to the West India Docks is becoming an even bigger headache for *Telegraph* staff. The Docklands Light Railway, which was to have started this week, has been delayed. And the river launch to and from Charing Cross Pier is increasingly prone to mechanical problems, with Monday evening's journey reportedly

achieving new depths — though loyal staff deny that life-jackets were issued.

Briefing...

At last week's leaving party for Russell Twisk, the outgoing *Listener* editor, his acting replacement, Michael Poole, held up two copies of the magazine, one edited by Twisk and one by his predecessor, Anthony Howard, to show how the former had improved the publication — to the displeasure of one guest, A. Howard... One clue to Central Television's plans to replace its axed soap, *Crossroads*, might be the visits that Ted Childs, Central's head of drama, has been paying Brookside producer, Phil Redmond's Mersey Television... Spotlight Publications is turning its 68,000 circulation heavy metal monthly, *Kerrang!*, into a weekly from October... Following (finally) the success of *Film On Four* and the BBC's television film slots, *Screen Two* and *Screen One*, ITV is starting a single play strand next year... Brian Wenham, former BBC radio managing director, has lost no time in exploring the job market. Last week he was talking to Ladbroke Studios, which is looking at resuscitating its collapsed production arm... A new BBC series for the Conservative Party to watch out for is a drama, *Campaign*. It is about an advertising agency handling the governing party's account in a general election.

Holograms: never mind the quality, feel the depth

During the next few weeks at least two major UK advertisers — who wish for the moment to remain anonymous — will be launching important campaigns in national publications, blending holograms with two-dimensional graphics.

Since the invention of the mystifying three-dimensional images in the early 1960s, many have seen their potential

for advertising. But the primitive nature of the technology has hitherto limited their commercial exploitation. "Their only selling point was their novelty," says Piers Currie, of pioneering Hologvision. "Now they carry exciting content as well as catching the eye and are a powerful medium."

Holograms have become significantly more sophisticated during the last 18

months. "There has been a marked step forward in both the sharpness and brightness of the image," says Roger Knight, marketing director for Light Fantastic, which offers a range of holographic services, from design to production.

"There is now a far greater depth of field, the hologram's critical third dimension. Images can appear to stretch several feet, making objects

seem absolutely real. Costs have also come down."

The factor of lower costs owes much to new machinery for mass production. Applied Holographics PLC, established in Essex in 1983, has been a leader in this field with its development of a Hologram, which does for holograms on film what a photo-copier does for print on paper. "Initially the rate of

production of holograms was as low as 10 or 12 per person a day," says Ossie Boxall, chairman of Applied Holographics. "Now a machine can handle 1,500 an hour."

Everyone in the industry insists that the work to date is only a hint of what is to come.

The forthcoming magazine ads, together with ventures into holographic beer mats,

jigsaw puzzles and Dr Who cards, reflect the trend. As technological improvements continue, leading to the achievement of exact colour, holograms can be expected to appear with increasing frequency in a variety of novel forms — eventually including, some believe, television ads.

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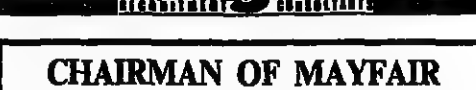
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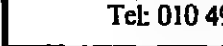
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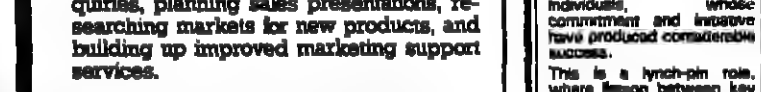
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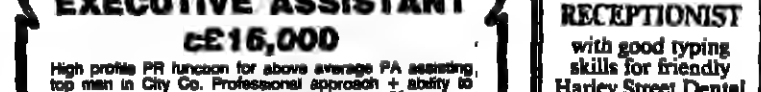
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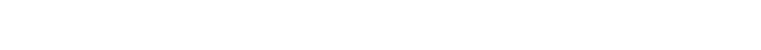
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Reflections by the pool: Aouita, sitting it out in the tranquillity of his villa



Salamed like a king: Aouita, the sporting monarch of Morocco

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RACING: COCHRANE AND CUMANI POISED TO TAKE ANOTHER MILE EVENT ON THE SECOND DAY OF GLORIOUS GOODWOOD

Then Again can follow his father's mighty footsteps

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Then Again, the winner of the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood last August, is my selection to win the Sweetenham Stud Sussex Stakes today on the same course. The main threat is likely to come from Soviet Star, the French challenger.

If my forecast is correct we will see a replay of that thrilling finish three years ago when Ray Cochrane, on Chief Singer, just managed to get the better of Greville Starkey, on Roussillon.

This time Cochrane will be on Then Again, whose trainer Luca Cumani is acutely aware of the threat that Starkey poses on Soviet Star. Cumani saw his other useful mile Half A Year hold-off Soviet Star by a length in St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Those who back Then Again to emulate his sire Jazeiro, the winner of the corresponding race in 1978, will need nerves of steel because Cochrane is likely to delay his challenge as late as

possible. This he did at Royal Ascot when he won the Queen Anne Stakes. And previously he had employed similar tactics at Newbury when they captured the Locking Stakes.

Soviet Star, having won the French equivalent of our 2,000 Guineas, certainly seems to have a more realistic chance than either of his owners, Sheikh Mohammed, other two runners Fair Judgment and Star Cutter, even though they are trained by Vincent O'Brien and Henry Cecil respectively.

Notwithstanding the fact that O'Brien has won this race four times, Fair Judgment still has plenty to find on form having beaten Slaty Don and Wajib by less than a length at Phoenix Park.

Earlier in the afternoon Wajib is napped to win the P & O Richmond Stakes. The colt can reinforce the excellent impression that he has made this season at Salisbury. So far it is not what he has beaten, but it has been the

captivating way he has done it. In this instance, though, the opposition is made of sterner stuff with the Royal Ascot winner Lapierre and Margub both standing their ground.

Lapierre recently finished third in the July Stakes at Newmarket. This contest can provide a helpful comparison with Sanquiro who is also unbeaten.

Like the vast majority of Khaled Abdullah's horses Wajib will be ridden by Pat Eddery. Not to be outdone by his elder brother, Paul Eddery should also win the EBF Findon Stakes on Ela Romara whose half-sister Bustara won the corresponding race two years ago. Ela Romara was runner-up in her first race to the subsequent Ascot winner Bluebook.

Today's programme can begin with another victory for Faijil in the Scottish Salmon Handicap. The colt put up one of the most courageous performances of the season at

Newbury earlier this month, when he overcame all manner of trouble in running to win the Morland Brewery Trophy.

Obviously the progressive Angel City will be hard to beat following successive wins at Newbury, but I still just prefer Faijil at a difference of only a pound.

Sudden Victory, the emphatic winner of the Tennant Trophy at Ayr 10 days ago appeals as a sporting bet to win the Pimm's Goodwood Handicap. The consistent Singing Partner should also give her backers another good run in the Racegoers Club Handicap.

Following that encouraging run behind Tralos at Newmarket, Full Listing should win the Redcar Silver Salver Stakes in the hands of Walter Swinburn, who will then travel to Doncaster principally to ride another of Michael Stoute's two-year-olds Ruby in the EBF



Faijil (right) winning at Newbury, can lead today's Scottish Salmon Handicap at Goodwood

Rubini Maiden Stakes. Ruby is a \$2m Blushing Groom colt out of a sister to the champion American two-year-old Devil's Bag.

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 2.30 Santelema Sam 4.40 Summer Sea DONCASTER: 7.15 Son Supreme 8.15 Ruler Road, Moss Bunch. REDCAR: 2.15 M. Danny Boy, Gonsky Lady, Turley Payer, Rock Salt, 3.50 White Real, Honey Dancer.

Madraco stuns the crowd taking the Stewards' Cup

By Michael Seely

Madraco became the first 50-1 winner of the Stewards' Cup since Ahonoora in 1978 when romping home by four lengths in the hands of Peter Hill, a 7th claiming apprentice, before a stunned and disbelieving crowd at Goodwood yesterday.

Like Standsan in 1979 and Soba in 1982, the winner made every yard of the running and was clear of his rivals two furlongs from home. Dowsing stayed on strongly, under top weight, to take third place half a length behind Pick Of The Pack, who was the first home on the far side of the course.

The stand side group appeared to hold the advantage throughout and neither Royal Fan, the 7-1 favourite or the strongly fancied Ever Sharp were promised to win.

It was a case of the wrong Yorkshire-trained horse winning as far as the punters were concerned. The disappointing Royal Fan hails from Peter Easterby's Malton Yard, but Madraco is in the care of Peter Calver at Ripon.

Calver, a qualified veterinary surgeon and the man who sold Highland Wedding, the Grand National winner to Toby Balding, said afterwards: "It was a

loss-up whether we came here or went to Thirsk on Friday, but the owner was keen to have a go at Goodwood. Madraco barely stayed six furlongs on a galloping track, but he was a sound staid him in good stead today."

Bernard Hampson, the triumphant owner and business man from Birmingham, was enriched to the tune of over £3,000 after having placed a wager of £10 each way on Madraco on the Tote, said: "The horse has done me pretty well, as I only gave 5,000 for him as a yearling."

Both the owner and trainer had wanted Tony Culhane to take the mount, but the jockey was unable to ride at 7s 11b. "He bounced out of the gate and I just let him run," said the 23-year-old Hill, who finishes his time with Reg Hollishead in a fortnight.

Both the Oaktree Stakes and the Gordon Stakes, however, went in the backers' favour. In the seven furlong Oaktree Stakes, Steve Caution made all the running on Gayane and the pair won unchallenged by one and a half lengths from Linda's Magic.

"She learned a lot from the July Cup where she was only

just beaten by Ajdal," said Henry Cecil. "Seven furlongs is probably her best trip. We'll now go for the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury, but then I might bring her back to sprinting in the Venners."

The six times champion trainer also had news of Reference Point, the hero of last Saturday's big race at Ascot. "Reference Point is in great shape. I'm going to train him for the Great Voltigeur Stakes and the St Leger, but if he's in good heart after that there's no reason why we shouldn't have a go at the Arc."

Later in the afternoon John Dunlop showed us a possible rival for Reference Point when Willie Carson rode Love The Green to a three length win over Colchis in the Gordon Stakes. This was a fine performance as the winner was conceding six to his rivals.

"He's a pretty decent horse and has plenty of speed," said the trainer. "I'm not too sure whether we want to take on Reference Point, as 11 miles might be his best distance. But he's in lots of good races including the Arlington Million in Chicago, so it shouldn't be too hard to find a suitable opportunity."

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin

- 2.30 Faijil.
- 3.00 WARNING (nap).
- 3.30 Sudden Victory.
- 4.10 Then Again.
- 4.40 Singing Partner.
- 5.10 Ela Romara.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

- 2.30 Illustrious.
- 3.00 Margub.
- 3.30 Sudden Victory.
- 4.10 THEN AGAIN (nap).
- 4.40 Absolution.
- 5.10 Ela Romara.

By Michael Seely

- 3.00 Warning. 3.30 White Mill. 4.10 THEN AGAIN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 WARNING.

Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-8f high numbers best

2.30 SCOTTISH SALMON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,285: 1m 6f) (8 runners) BBC 2

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| 102 (2) 0-03038 Santelema Sam 16 (B) (R) Taloni M Ryan 9-7 | P Robinson 58 |
| 104 (3) 011021 Illustrious 5 (P) (G) (Shahin Mohammed) L Cumani 9-7 (excl.) | R Cochrane 58 |
| 110 (8) 10 DUMPHY'S SPECIAL 4 (B) (G) (Shahin Mohammed) L Cumani 9-7 (excl.) | G Stacks 58 |
| 111 (4) 20 YAREEB 41 (F) (M Al Makdum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 | R Hills 58 |
| 112 (7) 203121 FAULTY T (G) (M Al Makdum) P Wainwright 8-13 (excl.) | B Thompson 58 |
| 113 (8) 1-43211 ANGEL CITY 12 (B) (G) (Humphrey) J Dunlop 8-12 (excl.) | P Ed Eddery 58 |
| 115 (1) 102 TAME SHAVE 20 (P) (G) (R) Cochrane R Cochrane 8-11 | M Hills 58 |
| 116 (5) 0-0111 SCATTERED SHOWERS 12 (G) (G) Harper D Eddery 8-11 | S Caution 58 |

BETTING: 5-2 Angel City, 5-1 Illustrious, 5-1 Yareeb, 6-1 Scattered Showers, 8-1 Faijil, 9-1 Dumpy's Special, 10-1 Omen Salm.

1986: JUST DAVE 9-3 M Roberts (11-4 f-14) A Stewart 7 m

3.0 P & O RICHMOND STAKES (Group 1: 2-Y-O: £36,630: 6f) (7 runners) BBC 2

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| 291 (4) 3 BELLEFILLA 19 (B) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | J Reid 74 |
| 292 (5) 211221 J CHEVER LOOPHOLE 5 (P) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | R Cochrane 74 |
| 293 (6) 3218 LAPHET 21 (G) (B) (R) Nelson 8-11 | S Caution 74 |
| 297 (3) 12 MARGUB 11 (B) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | C Asmussen 74 |
| 210 (5) 14 SLIP AND STICK 8 (G) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | M Hills 74 |
| 212 (1) 102 TAME SHAVE 20 (P) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | P Ed Eddery 74 |
| 213 (2) 11 WARRING 15 (G) (G) (R) Nelson 8-11 | S Caution 74 |

BETTING: 7-1 Warring, 5-2 Lapierre, 11-2 Margub, 8-1 J Chever Loophole, 10-1 Bellefilla, 12-1 Time Shave, 10-1 Slip and Stick.

1986: RICH CHARLIE 5-11 J Reid (11-4 f-14) C Nelson 8 m

FORM J CHEVER LOOPHOLE made a huge consistently on (5-7) at Pontefract (5), £2,250, good, July 21, 4 m and looks fully exposed. LAPHET (5-12) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. WARRING (5-13) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MARGUB (5-14) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. SLIP AND STICK (5-15) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. TAME SHAVE (5-16) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. BELLEFILLA (5-17) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m.

FORM NIGHTS LEGEND, two good efforts this season, best (10-0) a 3/4 mile at Jan 7 (10-0) (2m 3f, 2277, good, June 8, 6 m) had plenty to use. ACTING IN THE ACT (5-9) a 1/4 mile of Emerald (5-9) at Pontefract (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. SUDEN VICTORY looks likely to win a real test of stamina and (5-10) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. WHITE MILL (5-11) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. WHITE MILL showed his betting qualities (5-7) when beating Checkmate (7-13) a 1/4 mile at Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-14) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-15) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-16) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-17) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-18) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. MIGHTY FLASH (5-19) at Royal Ascot (5), £1,000, good, July 13, 10 m. 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